



# Application for a Planning Permit

Unit Number: Street Number: 85		Street Na	me:Cathcart Road	
Town: Longwarry		Postcode	3816	
FORMAL LAND DESC	CRIPTION	(Please complete eit	ther A or B – th	is information can be found on the Certificate of Title)
Option A:				
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Plan Number:		080492L		
Option B:				
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Section Number:				
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Business:	М	arshal Melbo	urne Pty	Ltd
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For what use, development or other matter do you require a permit?

Development:			
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□ Agricultural Outbuildings	☐ Mixed Use Development and Reduction of Carparking		
☐ Buildings and Works and Reduction in Carparking	□ Residential Outbuildings		
□ Commercial or Industrial Buildings and Works	☐ Single Dwelling		
□ Extension / Alteration to Dwelling	□ Telecommunications		
Use:			
□ Buildings and Works and Change of Use	☐ Home Based Business		
□ Change of Use	□ Sale and Consumption of Liquor		
☐ Change of Use and Single Dwelling			
Subdivision:			
□ Boundary Realignment	□ 3 or more Lot Subdivison Qty:		
□ Variation/ Removal of Restriction	□ Create an easement		
☐ 2 Lot Subdivision	□ 100 or more Lot Subdivision Qty:		
Subdivision / Vegetation Removal:			
□ Native Vegetation Removal or Lopping	□ Non Native Vegetation Removal or Lopping (ESO4)		
☐ Subdivision Qty:	□ Alteration of access RDZ1		
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#### LAND DESCRIPTION

Lot 1 on Title Plan 080492L (formerly known as part of Crown Allotment 123A Parish of Drouin West).

PARENT TITLES :

Volume 08962 Folio 893 Volume 09421 Folio 562 Created by instrument J509921 19/06/1981

#### REGISTERED PROPRIETOR

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#### ENCUMBRANCES, CAVEATS AND NOTICES

#### DIAGRAM LOCATION

SEE TP080492L FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND BOUNDARIES

## ACTIVITY IN THE LAST 125 DAYS

NIL

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Additional information: (not part of the Register Search Statement)

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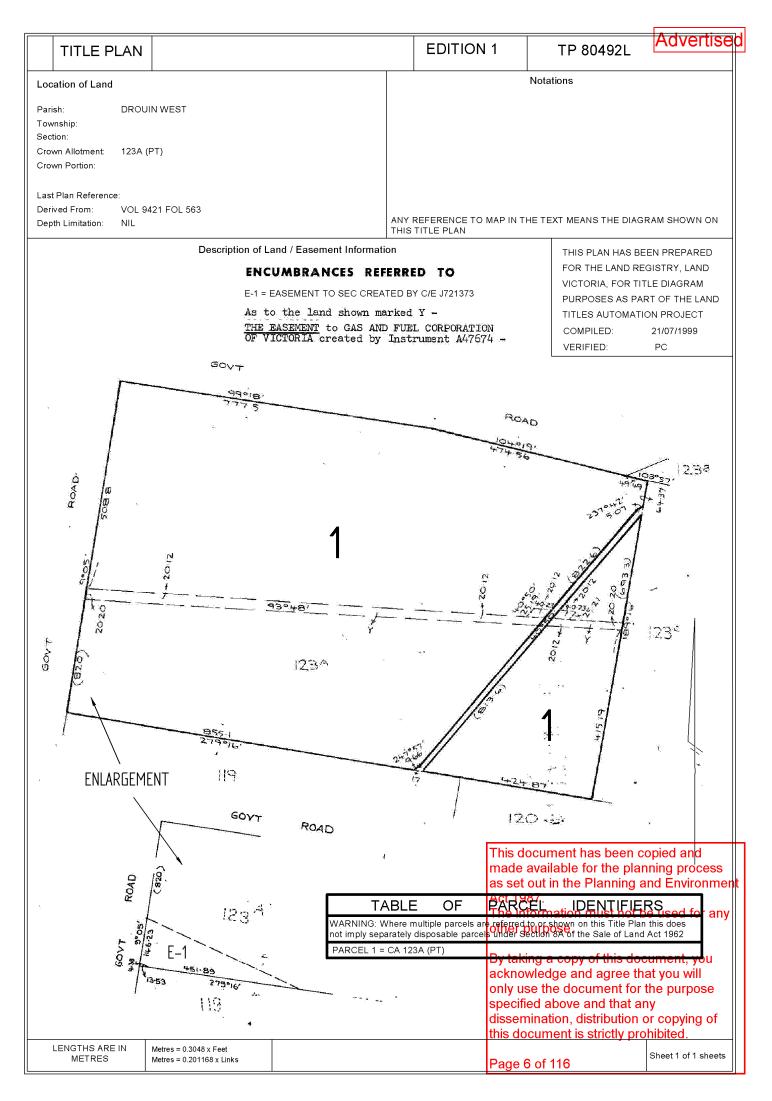
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13 May 2024

Statutory Planning Department Baw Baw Shire Lodged: Online Lodgment

Dear Sir/Madam.

Application for a Planning Permit Two sheds and Increased Bird number 85 Cathcart Road, Longwarry

Marshal Melbourne Pty Ltd act on behalf of Somerlong Pty Ltd, the property owners of 85 Cathcart Road, Longwarry in making application for planning permission for two additional sheds and an increased bird number associated with the existing broiler farm.

The site is in the Farming Zone of the Baw Baw Planning Scheme. The application seeks to construct two additional sheds to bring to total number of sheds to 12 on the property and increase the number of birds on the land from the 320,000 allowed under Planning Permit 98487. A revised total bird number on the land of 400,000 is sought, thus an increase of 80,000 birds is sought on what is currently allowed for under existing planning permissions.

In support of the of the application, please find enclosed electronic copies of the following plans and documents.

- A. Proposed Development Plans;
- B. A full Recent Copy of Title;
- C. Planning Statement.
- D. Broiler Code of Practice Assessment.
- E. FOI responses from Council and the EPA;
- F. Odour Assessment

Please do not hesitate to contact me at require any additional information or clarification.

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Yours faithfully

Marshal Melbourne Pty.Ltd.

Senior Planner

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Planning Submission

August 2024 (V3)

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#### 1 **EXECUITIVE SUMMARY**

Planning Permit 98487 was issued in July 2000 and allowed the landowner to use the land for a broiler farm, with the following restriction at condition 32(a)

No more than 40,000 birds are kept in each of the sheds.

A subsequent planning permit was issued for the construction of two additional sheds in May 2016 on the premise that the farm had a right to 320,000 birds provided under the initial planning permit (8 sheds x 40,000 birds) and the two new sheds would allow for a lower stocking rate, but still comply with no more than 320,000 birds on the farm or 40,000 per shed.

The application subject to this report seeks to construct a further two additional sheds to bring to total number of sheds to 12 and increase the number of birds on the land from the 320,000 allowed under Planning Permit 98487, whilst still complying with the condition 32(a) of no more than 40,000 birds per shed. A revised total bird number on the land of 400,000 is sought, thus an increase of 80,000 birds is sought on what is currently allowed for under existing planning permissions.

The closest dwelling to one of the existing sheds not associated with the farm is located at 35 Cathcart Road, Longwarry (northwest of site), with a separation distance between the dwelling and one of the existing sheds of approximately 624.5 metres. The farm for the purposes of the Victorian Broiler Code of Practice would be classified as a Special Class Farm if the number of birds proposed exceeds 332,000, determined using the separation distance from the existing dwelling at 35 Cathcart Road, Longwarry (northwest of site) and one of the existing sheds.

The proposed addition of two sheds and increase in bird numbers to a total of 400,000 for the farm must therefore be assessed under the Special Class Farm Provisions, even though the two proposed sheds meet the required setbacks for 686m for a farm of the proposed size. The

above-mentioned dwelling at 35 Cathcart Road is the only as set out in the Planning and Environment buffer distance of 686m.

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Significant to the Responsible Authorities assessment of this application is the consideration of the below:

- The farm is an existing farm operating with 320,000 birds, with a review of Council
  and the EPA's complaint data (through the FOI process) revealing that no farm
  specific complaints have been made.
- The proposed two sheds are outside the required buffer distances from the closest dwelling.
- Through technological advancements and processes, reduced bird densities, the offsite impacts from broiler sheds can be better managed with the new sheds proposed to meet best practice.
- No dwelling not associated with the use will have a shed located closer to it that currently exists.
- The expanded operation will continue to meet the Broiler Code separation distances from the closest sensitive use, when the directional response to local dispersion conditions is accounted for.

The proposal for the two additional sheds and increased bird numbers associated with the existing use on the land in the Farming Zone therefore achieves and acceptable planning outcome in a zone where significant policy direction supports the ongoing use of land for Agriculture.

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# 2. PLANNING AND SITE OVERVIEW

The table below has been prepared as a general summary of the proposal and the relevant planning policies and controls which apply to the site and proposed development.

	Planning and Site Overview		
Site area	104 hectares (approx.)		
Proposal	Development of two sheds and increase in bird numbers		
Zones	Farming Zone		
Overlays	Development Contributions Plan Overlay -	- Schedule 1	
	Floodway Overlay (pt.) – does not impact	works	
	Land Subject to Inundation Overlay – doe	s not impact works	
Planning Permit	Clause 35.07-4 – Buildings and works a	ssociated with a Section 2 Use	
Triggers	(broiler Farm) and within 100m of a design	ated floodplain (FO)	
Relevant	Clause 13.06-1S - Air Quality and Manager	ment	
Planning Policy	13.07-1S – Land Use and Compatibility		
Clauses	14.01-1S — Protection of agricultural land		
	14.01-1R — Protection of agricultural land — Gippsland		
	14.01-2S – Sustainable agricultural land use		
	14.01-2L-01 – Sustainable agricultural land use in Baw Baw		
	15.01-6S – Design for rural areas		
	15.01-6L – Design for Baw Baw's rural areas		
Particular	53.09 – Poultry Farm		
<b>Provisions</b>			
Incorporated	Broiler Code of Practice		
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Documents			
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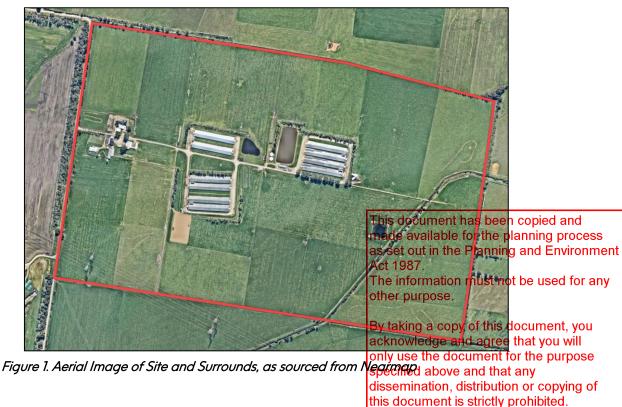
#### 3. SITE AND SURROUNDING AREA

#### 3.1. Subject Site

The subject site at 85 Cathcart Road, Longwarry is formally recognised as Lot 1 on Title Plan 080492L. The land has an overall site area of approx. 104 ha, with generally rectangular shape, bar an approximately 17m wide reserve which traverses the site diagonally from the northeast corner to a mid-point on the south boundary. The reserve closely follows the King Parrot Creek alignment.

A high transmission powerline dissection the southwest corner of the property and is cover by easement E-1, whilst a separate easement marked Y on the proposed development plan dissects the property in approximately the mid-point in an east west direction for gas and fuel purposes.

The land comprises two existing dwellings and a broiler farm operation with ten existing sheds (see Figure 1). Access to the site is provided from the existing centrally located entrance onto Cathcart Road which provides a single point of access to all operations on the site (including the dwellings). The majority of the remainder of the site is open pasture.





#### 3.2. Certificate of Title

The subject land is formally identified as as Lot 1 on Title Plan 080492L., comprising an area of approx. 104ha.

A full recent copy of the certificate of title is enclosed.

The land is not affected by any covenants or Section 173 Agreements.

#### 3.3. Site Surrounds

The land is surrounded by properties of varying sizes, which comprise dairying, grazing, equine and rural living types uses (on the smaller lots). The closest broiler farms within proximity to the site are located to the west and south of the land, with the western one being the closest at approximately 3.3km, therefore no cluster scenario is present.

The closest dwelling to the existing sheds and not associated with the subject land is located on the property to the northwest (at 624.5m), with the next closest also located within this direction. The land directly adjacent the site's western boundary is owned and operated as the Longwarry water treatment plant. The closest residential zoned land is Longwarry, being approximately 3km from the site, with all other surrounding land either zoned Farming, Green Wedge 1 or Public use Zone 1 (water treatment plant).



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#### PLANNING INSTRUMENTS 4

#### 4.1. Zoning

## Farming Zone – Schedule 1

A planning permit is required under the following provisions of the Farming Zone – Schedule1:

- Buildings and works associated with a Section 2 Use (Poultry Farm more than 100 birds) pursuant to clause 35.01-4;
- Buildings and works within 100m of a designated floodplain (FO),

The purposes of the Zone include:

- To provide for the use of the land for agriculture.
- To encourage the retention of productive agricultural land.
- To ensure that non-agricultural uses, including dwellings, do not adversely affect the use of land for agriculture.
- To encourage the retention of employment and population to support rural communities.
- To encourage use and development of land based on comprehensive and sustainable land management practices and infrastructure provision.
- To provide for the use and development of land for the specific purposes identified in a schedule to this zone.

The proposed development will allow for the continued use of the land for and made available for the planning process Response: poultry farm (agriculture), with the proposal as outlined and this the delentine seek in the proposal as outlined and the proposal a to facilitate increased agricultural output from the indothration increased incr sheds and an additional 80,000 birds.

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The proposed works achieve the overall purposes of the zone which include encouraging agricultural uses and retention of employment opportunities.

As an increase in bird numbers is proposed, Clause 53.09 and the Broiler Code of Practice apply, with further details regarding this provided under the Clause 53.09 assessment in this report and the attached addendums.

For ease of reference and to assist with the assessment of the planning application the decision guidelines of the Farming Zone have been responded to in the following table:

Clause 35.04-6 Decision Guid	lelines
Guideline	Response
General issues	
The Planning Policy	The Planning Policy Framework has been considered
Framework.	and is addressed within other sub-sections of this
	planning report
Any Regional Catchment	The West Gippsland Floodplain Management Strategy
Strategy and associated	2018-2027 does not identify the land as subject to
plan applying to the land.	significant flood risk (figure 15) and careful
	consideration has been undertaken through the
	planning process to ensure that the proposed sheds
	are not located within the Floodway Overlay which
	applies to the land.
	The minimum floor level of the proposed sheds will be
	located at a minimum floor level of 35.64m AHD, a
	requirement reinforced through the issued Melbourne
	Water conditions, who did not object to the proposal.
The capability of the land to	The site is more than suitable in size to accommodate
accommodate the	the proposed additional sheds, with the land's area
proposed use and	exceeding 100ha, and the shed litter taken offsite, a
development, including the	practice that will continue.
disposal of effluent.	
How the use or	The two additional sheds will be constructed to allow for
development relates to	increased agricultural white utofromethen and each its pied and
sustainable land	occupying a small sectional@faraditation objection pallorving process
management.	for continued grazing as the whitint de Planning and Environment
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compatible with adjoining and nearby land uses.	in excess of 20 years, with complaint data from both the Council and EPA revealing no complaints within the last 10-15 years.
	The proposed additional two sheds are compatible with the existing surrounding uses given this strong operating precedent.
How the use and development makes use of existing infrastructure and	The proposed development will make significant use of the existing infrastructure on the land, with the majority of the infrastructure already in place as part of the
services	existing poultry farm operation.
	pacts from non-agricultural uses
Whether the use or development will support and enhance agricultural production.	The addition of two sheds on the land will support and enhance agricultural production on the land where most infrastructure required is already established on site.
Whether the use or development will adversely affect soil quality or permanently remove land from agricultural production.	The proposed development is for an agricultural business in the Farming Zone and will provide for increased agricultural output from the land.
The potential for the use or development to limit the operation and expansion of adjoining and nearby agricultural uses.	The proposed sheds are to be associated with an agriculturally based business and are not expected to result in any limitations on the expansion of other agriculturally based operations on neighbouring land.
The capacity of the site to sustain the agricultural use.	The 104ha site is more than capable of sustaining the existing agricultural use and the additional two sheds.
The agricultural qualities of the land, such as soil quality, access to water and access to rural	The proposed development will make significant use of the existing infrastructure on the land, with the majority of the infrastructure already in place as part of the existing poultry farm operation.
Any integrated land management plan	No integrated land management plan exists for the site.
prepared for the site.	
Environmental Issues The impact of the proposal on the natural physical	The sheds are to be located in close proximity to the existing sheds and whilst a section of the existing
features and resources of the area, in particular on soil and water quality.	northern tree buffer will require removal, it is proposed and made available for the planning process to re-plant this vegetation to the planning process shed per the submitted Aplans 87.
The impact of the use or development on the flora and fauna on the site and	The information must not be used for an other purpose.
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The need to protect and
enhance the biodiversity of
the area, including the
retention of vegetation and
faunal habitat and the
need to revegetate land
including riparian buffers
along waterways, gullies,
ridgelines, property
boundaries and saline
discharge and recharge
area.

The location of onsite effluent disposal areas to minimise impact of nutrient loads on waterways and native vegetation.

No additional toilets/effluent areas are proposed as part of this development, with the existing facilities acceptable.

## Design and siting issues

The need to locate buildings in one area to avoid any adverse impacts on surrounding agricultural uses and to minimise the loss of productive agricultural land.

The impact of the siting, design, height, bulk, colours and materials to be used. on the natural environment, major roads, vistas and water features and the measures to be undertaken to minimise any adverse impacts.

The impact on the character and appearance of the area or features of architectural, historic or scientific significance or of natural scenic beauty or importance.

The proposed new sheds will be set to approximately the same height as the existing sheds as demonstrated on the plans.

The sheds have been located on either side of the existing eastern bank of four sheds and maintain a setback of 223m to the northern boundary and at least 415m to all other boundaries.

The sheds will also be partially screened by existing vegetation on the land, along the boundaries and the King Parrot Creek.

The shed finishes will be in keeping with the existing sheds, with roofs to be low reflectivity and walls and doors to be neutral colouring.

The location and design of existing and proposed infrastructure including roads, gas, water, drainage, telecommunications and sewerage facilities.

Whether the use and

development will require

infrastructure on site for perstion.

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#### 4.2. Planning Policy Framework

#### Clause 13.06-1S Air Quality and Management

Clause seeks to assist the protection and improvement of air quality, with the following relevant strategies:

Ensure, wherever possible, that there is suitable separation between land uses that reduce air amenity and sensitive land uses.

#### Response:

Through the preparation of an assessment of separation distances for the expanded operation, it has been determined that the expanded operation will continue to meet the Broiler Code separation distances from the closest sensitive use, when the directional response to local dispersion conditions is accounted for. This assessment is reinforced through the review of Council's and EPA's records through the FOI process which showed an absence of any complaints lodged in the 10-15-year period prior to this application for the existing operation.

#### Clause 13.07-1S Land Use Compatibility

Clause 13.07-1S seeks to safeguard community amenity while facilitating appropriate commercial, industrial or other uses with potential off-site effects, with the following relevant strategies:

- Ensure the compatibility of a use or development as appropriate to the land use functions and character of the area by:
  - Directing land uses to appropriate locations.
  - Using a range of building design, urban design, operational and land use separation measures.

Response:

The development of land associated with an existing broiler farm is best located within a zone where agriculture is permitted and encouraged, such as the Farming Zone.

As identified in the site description section of this Aep 1998, 7 the surrounding uses of land are mostly agriculturally based. The current least ignored the farm within a zone where agriculture is encouraged is considered to be a sensible dand wife, you outcome and therefore the proposed development is considered to have a level only use the document for the purpose

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of compatibility with the surrounding uses, noting that the use of the land for a poultry farm already exists and has existed for some time.

## Clause 14.01-1S Protection of Agricultural Land

The Clause 14.01-1S objective is to protect the state's agricultural base by preserving productive farmland, with the following relevant strategies:

- Avoid permanent removal of productive agricultural land from the state's agricultural base without consideration of the economic importance of the land for the agricultural production and processing sectors.
- Protect productive farmland that is of strategic significance in the local or regional context.
- Protect productive agricultural land from unplanned loss due to permanent changes in land use.
- In considering a proposal to use, subdivide or develop agricultural land, consider the:
- Desirability and impacts of removing the land from primary production, given its agricultural productivity.
- Impacts on the continuation of primary production on adjacent land, with particular regard to land values and the viability of infrastructure for such production.
- Compatibility between the proposed or likely development and the existing use of the surrounding land.
- The potential impacts of land use and development on the spread of plant and animal pests from areas of known infestation into agricultural areas.
- Land capability.

Avoid the subdivision of productive agricultural land from ging righting the been depicted and productive capacity of the land.

Response:

continued use of the land for agriculture. The proposed development as outlined in this statement will facilitate improved particularly and utility of this document, you land.

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## Clause 14.01-1R Protection of Agricultural Land – Gippsland

Clause 14.01-1R seeks to protect productive Agricultural land and irrigation assets, including the Macalister Irrigation District, that help grow the state as an important food bowl for Australia and Asia.

As addressed above the proposed development will not result in the loss of Response: agricultural land but will instead foster improved agricultural outcomes.

## Clause 14.01-2S Sustainable Agricultural Land Use

The Clause 14.01-2S provides for the following strategies:

- Ensure agricultural and productive rural land use activities are managed to maintain the long-term sustainable use and management of existing natural resources.
- Support the development of innovative and sustainable approaches to agricultural and associated rural land use practices.
- Support adaption of the agricultural sector to respond to the potential risks arising from climate change.
- Encourage diversification and value-adding of agriculture through effective agricultural production and processing, rural industry and farm related retailing.
- Assist genuine farming enterprises to embrace opportunities and adjust flexible to market changes.
- Support agricultural investment through protection and enhancement of appropriate infrastructure.
- Facilitate ongoing productivity and investment in high value agriculture.

The proposed development will provide for increased investment in an existing Response: poultry farm, allowing for increased agricultural outphis document has been copied and

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 Encourage a diverse range of agricultural enterprises that can use small land holdings

Response:

The proposed development will provide for increased investment in an existing poultry farm, allowing for increased agricultural output.

## Clause 15.01-6S Design for Rural Areas

Clause 15.01-6S seeks to ensure development respects valued areas of rural character through the following relevant strategies:

- Ensure that the siting, scale and appearance of development protects and enhances rural character.
- Protect the visual amenity of valued rural landscapes and character areas along township approaches and sensitive tourist routes by ensuring new development is sympathetically located.
- Site and design development to minimise visual impacts on surrounding natural scenery and landscape features including ridgelines, hill tops, waterways, lakes and wetlands.

## Clause 15.01-6L Design for Baw Baw's Rural Areas

The Clause 15.01-6L provides for the following strategies:

- Discourage buildings being located in visually prominent positions particularly on ridgelines and hilltops.
- Encourage buildings to visually blend into the landscape.
- Minimise the height of buildings and encourage the use of non-reflective exterior materials in muted tones.
- Encourage preservation of view corridors from vantage points within urban areas and from the Princes Highway.

Response:

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The sheds will also be partially screened by existing vegetation on the land, along the boundaries and the King Parrot Creek.

The shed finishes will be in keeping with the existing sheds, with roofs to be low reflectivity and walls and doors to be neutral colouring.

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#### 4.3. **Particular Provisions**

#### 4.3.1. Clause 52.17 – Native Vegetation

Whilst vegetation is proposed to be removed to facilitate the northern shed, the vegetation being removed was planted as part of previous buffer/screen works for the existing sheds. This vegetation is to be removed under the Planted Vegetation exemption under Clause 52.17, which allows native vegetation to be removed without a permit if the:

Native vegetation that is to be removed, destroyed or lopped that was either planted or grown as a result of direct seeding.

## 4.3.2. Clause 53.09 - Poultry Farm

This clause applies to permit applications to use land or construct a building or construct or carry our works for a poultry farm, including to increase the farm capacity of an existing poultry farm. Clause 53.09-3 provides:

An application to use land or construct a building or construct or carry out works for a broiler farm must comply with the Victorian Code for Broiler Farms 2009 (plus 2018 amendments).

Planning Permit 98487 was issued in July 2000 and allowed the landowner to use the land for a broiler farm, with the following restriction at condition 32(a)

No more than 40,000 birds are kept in each of the sheds.

A subsequent planning permit was issued for the construction of two additional sheds in May 2016 on the premise that the farm had a right to 320,000 birds provided under the initial planning permit (8 sheds x 40,000 birds) and the two new sheds would allow for a lower this document has been copied and

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than 40,000 birds per shed. A revised total bird number on the land of 400,000 is sought, thus an increase of 80,000 birds is sought on what is currently allowed for under existing planning permissions.

The closest dwelling to one of the existing sheds not associated with the farm is located at 35 Cathcart Road, Longwarry (northwest of site), with a separation distance between the dwelling and one of the existing sheds of approximately 624.5 metres. The farm for the purposes of the Victorian Broiler Code of Practice would be classified as a Special Class Farm if the number of birds proposed exceeds 332,000, determined using the separation distance from the existing dwelling at 35 Cathcart Road, Longwarry (northwest of site) and one of the existing sheds.

The proposed addition of two sheds and increase in bird numbers to a total of 400,000 for the farm must therefore be assessed under the Special Class Farm Provisions, even though the two proposed sheds meet the required setbacks for 686m for a farm of the proposed size. The above-mentioned dwelling at 35 Cathcart Road is the only dwelling within the prescribed buffer distance of 686m.

An assessment of the proposal against the *Victorian Code for Broiler Farms 2009 (plus 2018 amendments)* is enclosed as a separate attachment to this planning submission.

An assessment of the proposal against the decision guidelines of Clause 53.09 is provided in the table below.

Clause 53.09-6 Decision Guidelines	
Guideline	Response
The purpose of the relevant zone	The subject site is located within the Farming Zone – Schedule 1, where the purposes include to: - provide for the use of land for agriculture
	<ul> <li>encourage the retention of productive agricultural land</li> </ul>
	- encourage the retenting of compley mest been copied and population to support and as set out in the Planning and Environment. The proposed development the zone in seeking to expand the zone in seeking to expand other purpose of the zone in the Farming Zone where the primary purpose is agriculture.  By taking a copy of this document, you
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The design, height, setback and appearance of the proposed buildings and works.	The proposed new sheds will be set to approximately the same height as the existing sheds as demonstrated on the plans.
	The sheds have been located on either side of the existing eastern bank of four sheds and maintain a setback of 223m to the northern boundary and at least 415m to all other boundaries.
	The sheds will also be partially screened by existing vegetation on the land, along the boundaries and the King Parrot Creek.
	The shed finishes will be in keeping with the existing sheds, with roofs to be low reflectivity and walls and doors to be neutral colouring.
The proposed landscaping.	A revised landscape buffer is shown on the plans to be planted around the proposed additional sheds on the plans submitted, with planning permit conditions expected which require the implementation of the required landscaping.
The need to protect amenity of existing uses on adjoining land.	The proposed sheds have been located so as to ensure that significant distances between the sheds and existing residences surrounding properties have been maintained. Further assessment with regard to setback and amenity is provided within the Odour Assessment and Broiler Code of Practice Assessment.
The impact of the use of the land on the surrounding area, including from the emission of noise, light, vibration, odour, dust, or waste products.	The proposed sheds are to form part of the existing operation of the land first granted planning permission in July 2000. The use of the land for a broiler farm has therefore operated for a significant time, with an FOI request to the Council and EPA revealing an absence of any complaints since their current data bases have been active (2012).
	The farm will continue to operate in this way with the additional sheds which will be located further from the closest dwelling and be constructed to a high standard than previously constructed sheds as a result of technological advancements.
The impact of the proposal on any wetlands, waterways or water bodies.	The subject land is traversethis declinations (Ring Chaired and Creek) which crosses the east as set out in the Planning process as set out in the Planning and Environment diagonal line from the eastern 1884 ndary to the southern boundary. The proposed she distribution are the 200d for any metres from this waterway, the line in the following and Environment by the Code of Practice.  By taking a copy of this document, you acknowledge and agree that you will the sheds is located with a location with the propose the sheds is located with a location distribution or copying of this document is strictly prohibited.

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	Furthermore, appropriate drainage will be constructed to
	ensure that run-off continues to be directed to the onsite farm
	drains per the existing arrangement.
The likely environmental impact on	The two additional sheds will be constructed in close proximity
the natural physical features and	to the existing sheds with the small line of trees to be cleared
biodiversity of the land, including	planted as a result of previous buffer plantings.
consideration of any Nutrient	
Management Plan submitted with	The majority of the land will continue to be used for grazing,
the application.	therefore no meaningful additional environmental or nutrient
	management impact on the land is expected from the
	additional bird numbers.
Whether the development will	The development which will allow for an increase in the
support and enhance agricultural	number of birds on an existing farm in the Farming Zone will
production.	support and enhance agricultural production.
The requirements of the <i>Victorian</i>	This provision does not apply.
Low Density Mobile Outdoor Poultry	
Farm Planning Permit Guidelines	
(June 2018).	
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# 5. **CLAUSE 65**

Before deciding on an application or approval of a plan, the responsible authority must consider, as an appropriate:

	Response	
The matters set out in section 60 of the Act.	The Section 60 matters set out in the Act have	
	been considered when preparing this	
	application and are addressed through the	
	preparation of this submission.	
Any significant effects the environment,	The proposed development is not a sensitive	
including the contamination of land, may	use and therefore land contamination has not	
have on the use or development.	been considered.	
The Municipal Planning Strategy and the	These matters have been satisfactorily	
Planning Policy Framework.	addressed under the relevant sections of this	
	report.	
The purpose of the zone, overlay or other	The proposed development within the Farming	
provision.	Zone aligns with the core purposes of the	
	Farming Zone to provide for and encourage	
	agriculture, with the proposal allowing for an	
	expanded agricultural output from the land.	
Any matter required to be considered in the	These matters have been satisfactorily	
zone, overlay or other provision.	addressed under the relevant sections of this	
	report.	
The orderly planning of the area.	The proposed development will provide for	
	agricultural development in the Farming Zone	
	where the use of the land already operates with	
	no complaints based on the authority data.	
The effect on the environment, human	An odour assessment has been prepared for	
health and amenity of the area.	the proposal determined that when directional	
	modelling is applied, the expanded operation	
	will comply with Broiler Code separation	
	distances.	
The proximity of the land to any public land.	The land adjacent to the sites western	
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Factors likely to cause or contribute to land degradation, salinity or reduce water quality.	There are no factors which are likely to contribute to land degradation which can't be managed by appropriate construction practices which are expected to be reflected as conditions on any permit issued.		
Whether the proposed development is designed to maintain or improve the quality of stormwater within and exiting the site.	All stormwater will continue to be collected on site and directed to the dams for reuse.		
The extent and character of native vegetation and the likelihood of its destruction.	An existing vegetation buffer will be removed to allow for the construction of the northern shed.  The trees were all planted originally as part of a buffer planting and a new buffer planting will be provided in their place around the proposed sheds.		
Whether native vegetation is to be or can be protected, planted or allowed to regenerate.	Per the above, an existing vegetation buffer will be removed to allow for the construction of the northern shed. The trees were all planted originally as part of a buffer planting and a new buffer planting will be provided in their place around the proposed sheds.		
The degree of flood, erosion or fire hazard associated with the location of the land and the use, development or management of the land so as to minimise any such hazard.	The sheds have been located to ensure that they are located outside of the designated flood planning controls.		
The adequacy of loading and unloading facilities and any associated amenity, traffic flow and road safety impacts.	The proposed sheds include the provision of pads at either end of both sheds to assist with the delivery of birds, feed and any servicing required for the sheds.		
	Access to the site will continue to be provided from Cathcart Road, a gravel road with the existing accessway wide enough to cater for trucks and culverts installed at either end to allow for unimpeded drainage along the roadway.		
The impact the use or development will have on the current and future development and operation of the transport system.	The development, which is associated with an existing use, is made envisated by the parameters on the associated with an existing use, is made envisated by the parameters on the associated with an existing use, is made envisated by the parameters of the parameters		
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#### **ODOUR ERA** 6.

An odour assessment has been undertaken as part of this application process and is enclosed. The reports presents an assessment of separation distances for the expanded operation, determining that the expanded operation will continue to meet the Broiler Code separation distances from the closest sensitive use, when the directional response to local dispersion conditions is accounted for.

Significantly with regard to the outcomes of the assessment, the following is determined:

- The expanded operation will continue to meet the Broiler Code separation distances from the closest sensitive use, when the directional response to local dispersion conditions is accounted for.
- The expanded operation will not adversely impact on the sustainable use and development of surrounding land, with all lots already occupied with dwellings or sufficient space allowable beyond the expanded sensitive use buffer for sensitive uses to be established.
- The land is located within the Farming Zone where Agriculture is encouraged and forms the basis for most of the surrounding uses, with the only other zone within close proximity being the Public Use Zone 1, where the use of land is for a treatment plant where similar off-site impacts may arise.

Noting the existing operation on the land, this assessment is reinforced through the review Council's and EPA's records through the FOI process which showed an absence of any complaints lodged in the 10–15-year period prior to this application.

The absence of odour related complaints is also an outcome of reduced bird densities within the sheds being an RSPCA driven industry wide shift. Previously as noted in the Applying for a Planning Permit to Farm Broiler Chickens Planning Practice Note 63, a placement density of 21.5 chickens/m<sup>2</sup> was representative of a typical density for young chicks in the sheds.

As a response to RSPCA requirements densities have been reduce to RSPCA requirements densities have been reduced to RSPCA requirements densities and the RSPCA requirements denote the RSPCA requirements den current industry standard density of 17.5 chickens/m² being achievather interpretation (of teature classes of 17.5 chickens/m² being achievather industry standard density of 17.5 chickens/m² other purpose.

17 on farm). Through reduced densities the concentration of waste and odours has subsequently been reduced resulting in less adverse odour events, as evidenced on the subject land through you acknowledge and agree that you will absence of complain data.

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# 7. VEHICLE MOVEMENTS

The two additional sheds and increased bird number will result in an increase in the number of vehicles access the site over a 68-day batch period, with a summary of the expected increases provided below based on the current level of vehicle movements per shed on the land.

As a summary over a 68-day period the total number of additional vehicles expected to access the land is between 18 and 23, dependent on the combination of semis and B-doubles used to collect bird at the end of the growing period.

Purpose	Times	Vehicle type	Additional movements
			per batch (68 days)
Feed deliveries	5:00am-9:00am	B-Double	8
Bird Collection	7:00PM-6:00am	B-Doubles and Semis	14 (semi) or 9 (B-double)
Bird Delivery	9:00am-3:00pm	Tandem Truck	1
Wast collection	8:00am-1:00pm	Truck	No additional trucks are
			expected to be required
			beyond current
			movements.

# 8. ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

In accordance with Regulation 46(3), the construction of a building or carrying out of works on land is not a high impact activity if it is for, or associated with, a purpose listed under sub regulation (1)(b) for which the land was being lawfully used immediately before 28 May 2007.

A CHMP is therefore not required to be prepared.

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# CONCLUSION

This Planning Statement seeks to demonstrate that the proposed buildings and works are consistent with the requirements of the Baw Baw Planning Scheme and the relevant incorporated reference documents including the Broiler Code of Practice.

The proposed development will enable the ongoing operation of the existing poultry farm (an agricultural business) within the Farming Zone. Based on the above assessment it is considered that this proposal should be supported by Council for the following reasons:

- The buildings and works will allow for the existing broiler farm to increase agricultural output in the Farming Zone, a Zone that specifically encourages Agriculture.
- The building and works have been appropriately sited to ensure that appropriate screening from surrounding public and private lands is provided.
- It is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Planning Policy Framework.
- Separation distances per the Broiler Code requirements from the closest sensitive use can be met for the expanded operation when the directional response to local dispersion conditions is accounted for, with the two proposed sheds located at a further distance from the closest dwelling

Overall, the proposal is considered to present an appropriate planning outcome in allowing for an existing agricultural use to continue to operate more efficiently and in line with improved standards within the Special Use Zone – Schedule 1.

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## ELEMENT 1 (E1) - LOCATION, SITING AND SIZE

Objective (E1)

To ensure the location and size of the broiler farm, and the siting of the broiler sheds, temporary litter stockpiles, compost piles and litter spreading areas:

- minimise the risk of adverse amenity impacts on nearby existing, planned and potential future sensitive uses as a result of odour, dust and noise
- do not adversely affect the use and development of nearby land
- avoid pollution of ground and surface waters
- avoid adverse impacts on the visual quality of the landscape
- minimise biosecurity risks.

## Standard E1 S1: Amenity Protection

Adverse impacts on the amenity of the surrounding area are minimised by ensuring broiler sheds, temporary litter stockpiles, compost piles and litter spreading areas are adequately separated from existing and planned residential and rural living areas, sensitive uses and broiler farm property boundaries.

Approved Measures	Response	
E1 M1.1	The northern property boundary of the subject land is located at	
The nearest external edge of a new or existing broiler shed(s) or	least 3000m from the southern boundary of the Longwarry	
temporary litter stockpile / compost pile is / are set back by at least 1000 m from the boundary of a:	township, with growth area plans for the town indicating that all growth will occur to the north between the town the princes hwy.	
residential zone, urban growth zone or other urban zone     where housing is a primary purpose of the zone or		
future residential area, shown on a plan or strategy	This document has been	a conical and
incorporated in the planning scheme.	This document has been	
E1 M1.2	The northern property boundary of the subject out in the Planing	and Environment
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<ul> <li>zone that provides for rural living (i.e. a Rural Living Zone</li> </ul>		
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E1 M1.3  Prevailing meteorological conditions and topographical features are taken into account in determining the adequacy of separation distances to nearby sensitive uses. The minimum separation distances (as prescribed by Formula 1 of the Code) may need to be greater for some limited site specific circumstances. For example, the separation distance to a sensitive use located downslope in a drainage valley may need to be increased to minimise the risk of odour impacts.	Through the preparation of an odour assess using metrological data it has been determ setback determined by Formula 1 of the Coadjusted to the south away from the closes the extent that this receptor would be on or	nined that the 686m ode would be slightly st sensitive receptor, to
E1 M1.4  The nearest external edge of any new shed or temporary litter stockpile / compost pile is / are set back at least 100 m from the broiler farm property boundary. This distance is referred to as the boundary setback.	The closest boundary to one of the new sheds is the northern boundary which will be at least 224.5m from the proposed edge of the shed.	
For the purposes of this measure, a new shed includes an extension to an existing shed to house an increased number of birds.		
E1 M1.5  The nearest external edge of a temporary litter stockpile / compost pile is / are set back at least 300 m from an existing sensitive use beyond the broiler farm property boundary.	No composting occurs on the land with birds placed in onsite freezers for collection and shed litter removed from the land	
El M1.6 The nearest external edge of a litter spreading area is set back at least 20 m from the broiler farm boundary.	No litter spreading is proposed.	
El M1.7  The nearest edge of a litter spreading area is set back at least 100 m from any existing sensitive use beyond the broiler farm property boundary.	No litter spreading is proposed.	This document has been copied and made available for the planning process as set out in the Planning and Environment Act 1987.  The information must not be used for any other purpose.
Standard E1 S2 Waterway protection Adverse impacts on waterways are avoided by ensuring that broiler spreading areas are adequately separated from waterways, or other responsible authority.		
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Approved Measures	Response		
E1 M2.1	No revisions are proposed to the existing w	raterway, with the	
A natural vegetative buffer zone of at least 30 m (or any greater	proposed sheds to maintain a similar setbo	ack as that of the	
distance specified in the planning scheme, or by the Catchment	existing sheds.		
Management Authority) is maintained along waterways. No			
buildings, roads or litter storage or litter re-spreading areas are			
located in the vegetative buffer zone. The measuring point for a			
waterway is the point water may reach before flowing over a bank			
(the bank-full discharge level).			
E1 M2.2	All proposed vegetation buffers are shown	_	
A clearance of a further 20 m from the edge of the natural	from the edge of the proposed sheds on the plans.		
vegetative buffer zone to the nearest external edge of any broiler			
shed is provided to ensure adequate shed ventilation, minimise			
vermin habitat and provide adequate access to the sheds and			
fire-fighting protection.			
E1 M2.3	No litter spreading is proposed.		
No solid or liquid waste (including temporary litter stockpiles,			
compost piles and litter spreading areas) is stored or disposed of			
within:			
800 m of any potable water supply takeoff controlled by a			
statutory authority			
200 m of any waterway supplying potable water			
100 m of any other type of waterway.			
Standard E1 S3 Protecting the visual quality of the landscape			
Buildings and works are sited to account for the topography of the	site and views from public roads, to minimise		
the landscape.	T.D.	made available for the plass set out in the Planning	anning process
Approved Measures	Response	Act. 1987	and Environment
E1 M3.1	The plans submitted include contour lines was minimal slape across the site	which illustrate the The information must not	be used for any
Buildings and works are not sited on steep slopes (greater than 20	minimal slope across the site.	other purpose.	
per cent slope).	T	Di A III	
E1 M3.2	The plans submitted include contour lines v	wild including target the this decision and agree the	ocument, you
Buildings and works are oriented to follow the contours of the	minimal slope across the site.	acknowledge and agree to only use the document for	
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E1 M3.3	No ridgeline vegetation is proposed to be i	mpacted.
Existing ridgeline vegetation is maintained to avoid breaking the		'
ridgeline silhouette.		
Standard El S4 Biosecurity		
An appropriate distance is provided between the broiler farm (that	is the broiler sheds, temporary litter stockpile:	s, compost piles and
litter spreading areas), and other existing poultry farms under sepa	rate management, to minimise the risk of dise	ease transmission.
Approved Measures	Response	
E1 M4.1	The closest broiler farm to the site is located	d 3.3km to the west.
The nearest external edge of new or existing broiler sheds is / are		
set back from sheds on other poultry farms by the distance		
specified in Table 1 of Biosecurity Guidelines for Poultry Producers		
(Agnote AG1155).		
E1 M4.2	All shed litter is collected and taken off-site	9.
Temporary litter stockpiles or compost piles are separated by at		
least 100 m from a new or existing broiler shed on the subject land,		
or are sited and managed as otherwise stipulated by the		
processor to meet biosecurity requirements.		
E1 M4.3	All shed litter is collected and taken off-site	).
The litter spreading area is separated by at least 20 m from a new		
or existing broiler shed on the subject land, or is sited and		
managed as otherwise stipulated by the processor to meet		
biosecurity requirements.		
Standard E1 S5 Future use and development of neighbouring land		
Broiler sheds are sited so that offensive odour, dust and noise emiss		
development of land located beyond the farm property boundary,		
breakfast or caretaker's house) on a vacant property, having regard		made available for the planning process
<ul> <li>the existing and likely future use and development of the lar</li> </ul>	, , , ,	as set out in the Planning and Environment Act 1987.
<ul> <li>the existing physical and environmental characteristics of th</li> </ul>	ne land	The information must not be used for any
<ul> <li>the purpose and requirements of the zone applying to the lo</li> </ul>	and	other purpose.
<ul> <li>any applicable land use decision guidelines, policies and str</li> </ul>	rategies in the planning scheme.	
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Special Class and Farm Clusters – There are no approved	An Odour ERA has been prepared and is a	िक्तिक्षारुष्ट्रिष्टिक्षित्रकार्वा स्वापना स्वापना स्वापना स्वापना स्वापना स्वापना स्वापना स्वापना स्वापना स्व
measures for Special Class and Farm Clusters under Standard E1	Planning Submission	only use the document for the purpose specified above and that any
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S5. These broiler farm applications must be assessed against this			
standard on a case-by-case basis using the information produced			
by the Odour ERA (see the 'Odour Environmental Risk Assessment			
(Odour ERA)' section of this Code).			
ELEMENT 2 (E2): FARM DESIGN, LAYOUT AND CONSTRUCTION			
Objective (E2):			
To ensure the design and construction of the broiler farm minimise	the risk of adverse amenity and environment	al impacts, and	
support the cost-effective operational efficiency of the farm.	·	·	
Standard E2 S1 Protecting the visual quality of the landscape			
Buildings and works are designed and constructed to minimise their	r visual impact. Site topography and existing	and proposed	
vegetation are used to best advantage to screen new buildings and			
Approved Measures	Response		
E2 M1.1	The proposed development plans show the	e provision of a	
Buildings are constructed in response to the topography of the	landscape buffer to be planted around the		
land as follows:			
On flat land, buildings directly in the view line of adjacent			
roads and dwellings on neighbouring properties are			
screened by vegetation (see Element 4: Landscaping).			
On hilly terrain, the construction of terraces or earth			
platforms avoids unnecessary or excessive earthworks, and			
suitable erosion control measures are in place (see also			
Standard E1 S3 and Approved measures E1 M3.1-3.3).			
E2 M1.2	The shed finishes will be in keeping with the	e existing sheds with	
Broiler shed walls are clad externally in materials that are non-	roofs to be low reflectivity and walls and de		
reflective and finished in natural colours and tones of surrounding	colouring.	This document has been	copied and
vegetation, soil, rocks or other natural features, to improve the	Colooning.	made available for the pla	
visual integration of buildings with the natural landscape.		as set out in the Planning	
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Standard E2 S2 Efficient farm operation  The design and layout of the whole broiler farm provides environme farm operations, including:	ental and amonity protection while mayimisin	The information must not	be used for any
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orderly management of feed and water, including:     and a water (available and a water) water available.		acknowledge and agree t	hat you will
o adequate (quality and quantity) water supply	sough water on Here	only use the document for	
<ul> <li>drinker technology that minimises wetting of litter thr</li> </ul>	ougn water spillage	specified above and that	
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- o treatment and disinfection of non-potable drinking water supply (dams, rivers and bores).
- efficient placement of silos and feed systems
- efficient placement and collection of birds
- efficient placement of fresh litter
- collection, handling and treatment of all wastes
- cleaning and maintenance of collection areas
- protection against birds and other vermin

efficient energy and water use.		
Approved Measures	Response	
E2 M2.1	The proposed sheds will be orientated in th	e same direction as
New broiler sheds are orientated to minimize the risk of odour, dust	the existing sheds.	
and noise impacts on the surrounding community with tunnel		
ventilation fans being located at the furthermost point away from		
the nearest sensitive use and taking into account the locality and		
concentration of other sensitive uses.		
E2 M2.2	The additional two sheds have been locate	ed so as to allow for
The design and construction of broiler sheds, associated works	the efficient and continued use of the site.	
and roads facilitates the efficient delivery of feed and birds,		
collection of birds, and the cleaning and maintenance of sheds		
and collection areas.	<u> </u>	
E2 M2.3	The proposed sheds and feed silos are con-	structed to prevent
Broiler sheds and feed silos are constructed to prevent access by wild birds, vermin and rodents.	access by wild birds, vermin and rodents.	
E2 M2.4	The existing water supply to the on the site	will be proposed to
A continuous water supply is available to the proposed	the proposed sheds.	This document has been copied and
development site (from reticulated town water supply, dams or a		made available for the planning process
bore) for drinking, shed cooling and shed wash down		as set out in the Planning and Environmen
(disinfection).		Act 1987. The information must not be used for any
E2 M2.5	Multiple water supply options are available	Phrite information must not be used for any
A back-up supply or storage of water is available to hold at least	existing operation.	
one day's total requirement, in case of a breakdown or loss of		By taking a copy of this document, you
normal water supply.		acknowledge and agree that you will
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E2 M2.6	Multiple water supply entires are available	annita as navt of the
When dam or river water is used to supply water, chlorination,	Multiple water supply options are available existing operation.	e onsite as part of the
ultraviolet light systems or other appropriate disinfection	existing operation.	
procedures are used to disinfect the water.		
E2 M2.7	Feed and watering systems will be installed	lin the proposed new
Feed and watering systems can be adjusted to meet the	sheds which can be adjusted to meet requi	·
requirements of the birds as they grow.	as they grow.	ilements of the birds
E2 M2.8	Nipple drinkers with trays will be used to pr	ovide drinking water
Nipple drinkers with trays are used to provide drinking water.	Tripple difficers with frays will be used to pr	ovide drinking water.
E2 M2.9	Silos and feed systems will be designed, site	ed and constructed to
Silos and feed systems are designed, sited and constructed to	minimise spills of feed.	ed dila constructed to
minimise spills of feed.	Thin in this of feed.	
Standard E2 S3 Avoiding environmental impacts from broiler sheds		
Broiler shed floors and areas surrounding the sheds are designed a		ents into the ground.
Approved Measures	Response	
E2 M3.1	Concrete hard stand areas are proposed e	ither end of each of
A concrete hard stand area is located at the entrance to each	the proposed broiler sheds.	
broiler shed.		
E2 M3.2	The base of the broiler sheds is proposed to	o be constructed from
The base of the broiler sheds is constructed from low permeability	low permeability materials such as concrete, compacted clay or	
materials such as concrete, compacted clay or another sealed	another sealed surface.	
surface.		
E2 M3.3	The finished floor level of the broiler sheds	is above the natural
The finished floor level of the broiler sheds is above the natural	surface level per the enclosed plans.	
surface level to prevent the entry of stormwater run-off.		This document has been copied and
Alternatively, the shed is bunded or a surface drainage system is		made available for the planning process
installed to prevent the entry of stormwater run-off.		as set out in the Planning and Environment
Standard E2 S4 Noise management		
The broiler farm development meets the requirements of the Interim	n Guidelines for Control of Noise from Industr	din Fourty's Lictoria
(2011) (of its most recent opadie). To achieve this, it addition to the	requirements of Element 1, Standard 1 (E1 31)	, and Lientein 3,
Standard 2 and Standard 4 (E3 S2 and E3 S4), the broiler farm furth		
associated with farm operations do not cause adverse noise impac	,	acknowledge and agree that you will
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E2 M4.1	The design, siting and selection of all mechanical equipment,
The design, siting and selection of all mechanical equipment,	including fans will be undertaken to ensure offsite noise is
including fans, pneumatic feed systems and other equipment,	minimized.
minimises the generation of mechanical noise and the likelihood	
of off-site vibration.	
Standard E2 S5 Stormwater drainage	
Stormwater and / or wastewater run-off from the broiler farm does	
erosion. Stormwater is also prevented from entering the broiler shed	
Approved Measures	Response
E2 M5.1	Clean stormwater collection areas are to be separated from
Clean stormwater collection areas are separated from areas that broiler farm waste may affect.	areas that broiler farm waste may affect.
E2 M5.2	Stormwater will be directed by existing and proposed farm
Stormwater from sheds and hard standing apron areas is	drains to the existing dams on the land.
collected and managed on site in a dam(s) or tanks within the	
broiler farm boundary.	
E2 M5.3	Stormwater drains will be established along building lines to
Stormwater table drains with an appropriate gradient are	ensure the appropriate drainage from land.
established along all building lines to collect stormwater run-off	
from sheds and hard standing apron areas.	
E2 M5.4	Appropriate construction methods will be employed where
In areas subject to soil erosion, the system design incorporates mitigation methods such as crushed rock traps and drops.	erosion risks are present.
E2 M5.5	Stormwater management will be consistent with any stormwater
Stormwater management is consistent with any stormwater	management plan of the responsible authoritys document has been copied and
management plan of the responsible authority.	made available for the planning process
E2 M5.6	Existing dams onsite will be used to collect of the regulation and Environment
Retaining dams are constructed with the capacity to retain run-off	required. Act 1987. The information must not be used for any
from a one-in-ten year storm.	other nurnose
ELEMENT 3 (E3): TRAFFIC, SITE ACCESS, ON FARM ROADS AND F	
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To ensure the location, design and construction of the farm access points, internal roads and parking areas, and the movement of vehicles for broiler farm operations support the safe and efficient operation of the farm, and minimise adverse amenity impacts on		
nearby sensitive uses.		
Standard E3 S1 Site access (Standard 1)		
Vehicle access points are designed and constructed to allow all-we	ather safe entry and exit for the anticipated t	ype and frequency of
vehicles, accounting for road and traffic conditions.	,	·
Approved Measures	Response	
E3 M1.1	The existing access point to the farm from (	Cathcart Road will be
Access points are constructed to a standard that minimises	retained.	
deterioration in the road pavement, avoids sharp turns and		
provides sufficient road width for truck turning movements.	All new internal access points to the new sh	eds have been
	design with appropriate splays to allow for	truck turning
	movements.	
E3 M1.2	The existing access point to the farm from (	Cathcart Road will be
For site access from a public road, the gate to the broiler farm is at	retained.	
least 30 m inside the broiler farm boundary, so articulated vehicles		
requiring access can park off the public road while the gate is		
being opened.		
Standard E3 S2 Site access (Standard 2)		
Vehicle access points to the broiler farm from public roads are locat	red to minimise noise and vehicle light impac	ts on existing
sensitive use.		
Approved Measures	Response	
E3 M2.1	The existing access point to the farm from (	Cathcart Road will be
Vehicle access points are located as far away as possible from a	retained.	
sensitive use not associated with the broiler farm.		This document has been copied and
E3 M2.2	All lighting is to be located, directed and bo	fflederavailable for the planning process
All lighting is located, directed and baffled to limit light beyond the	beyond the development site boundaries.	as set out in the Planning and Environment Act 1987.
development site boundaries.		The information must not be used for any
Standard E3 S3 Internal roads and car parking (Standard 1)		other purpose.
Internal roads and parking areas are designed, constructed and mo		
is made for the parking and movement on the property of articulate		Bsychopheimograicomopy of this document, you
including the delivery of birds, litter and feed to the premises, and th		acknowledge and agree that you will
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E3 M3.1	New internal access tracks will be constructed to the required	$\neg$
Internal roads and parking areas are constructed of a compacted	standard.	
sub-base with table drains, and a compacted gravel layer with a		
camber to shed rainwater to the drains.		
E3 M3.2	Existing parking areas already provided will be used for parking.	
An area(s) is provided for parking articulated vehicles involved in		
loading and unloading stock, feed, litter and waste.		
Standard E3 S4 Internal roads and car parking (Standard 2)		
Internal roads and parking areas are designed and sited to minimis	se noise and light impacts on neighbouring sensitive uses.	
Approved Measures	Response	
E3 M4.1	Existing internal access roads will be used which allow for	
Internal roads and parking areas are designed to ensure efficient	vehicles to leave the farm in a forward direction.	
traffic flow and to reduce the need for vehicles to reverse. The		
layout allows ease of access to the site, avoids the use of sharp		
turns, and for vehicles to leave the farm travelling in a forward		
direction.		
E3 M4.2	Existing internal access roads and parking will be used for the	
Internal roads and parking areas are located as far away as	proposed sheds which are located significant distances from the	•
possible from a sensitive use not associated with the broiler farm.	property boundaries.	
E3 M4.3	All lighting proposed with the additional shed located, directed	
All lighting is located, directed and baffled to limit light beyond the		
development site boundaries.	boundaries.	
ELEMENT 4 (E4): LANDSCAPING		
Objective(E4):		
To ensure landscaping is used to minimise the visual impact of broil		
impacts from light and dust on nearby sensitive uses, and protect, n	nanage and enhance on-farm native vegetat <mark>loadenevbilebliversithe</mark>	planning process
Standard E4 S1 Landscaping	as set out in the Planni	
Landscaping provides substantial visual screening from roads, publ	lic areas, nearby sensitive uses not associated with the broiler farm	not be used for any
integrates the farm into the surrounding landscape; and provides a	dequate access and clearance around the shedser purpose.	
Approved Measure	Response	
E4 M1.1	The existing landscaping will be added to existing they of this	document, you
The landscape plan provides for dense vegetation and planting	proposed sheds are screened. It is expected afterowledge and agree only use the document	e that you will
along frontages to public roads and other highly exposed site	specified above and th	. ιψι της purpose <del>at</del> anv
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boundaries to provide screening of the broiler farm buildings, structures and handling areas.	condition will require the submission of an appropriately prepared landscape plan.	
E4 M1.2  The landscape plan incorporates a mix of trees and large shrubs to ensure effective upper level and lower level screenings of the farm.	It is expected that a permit condition will require the submission of an appropriately prepared landscape plan.	
E4 M1.3  As far as possible, the landscape plan retains existing trees, particularly native vegetation, and a mix of native and local indigenous plant species that blend into the landscape.	It is expected that a permit condition will require the submission of an appropriately prepared landscape plan.	
E4 M1.4  Mounds to a height of approximately 2 m are used if the combination of natural topography and tree planting cannot effectively screen a broiler farm. Soil from shed excavation, stormwater drains and farm dams may be suitable for constructing these mounds.	It is expected that a permit condition will require the submission of an appropriately prepared landscape plan.	
E4 M1.5  Plantings and vegetation are located no closer than 20 m from the perimeter of the broiler sheds to ensure adequate shed ventilation, minimise vermin habitats, and provide adequate shed access and fire-fighting protection.	The proposed development plans show the proposed location of the vegetation buffers being setback 20m from the edge of the proposed sheds.	
E4 M1.6 Unpaved areas around sheds are grassed to prevent soil erosion and minimise the heat load on the buildings through radiation	It is expected that a permit condition will require the submission of an appropriately prepared landscape plan.	
from bare ground.  E4 M1.7  Ground surfaces that are exposed to erosion are stabilised with ground cover planting or other means to minimise erosion.	This document has been Ground covers will be used on any areas ar wadether by sheds to ensure areas exposed to erosion a essential entire Planning Act 1987.	anning process and Environment
E4 M1.8  The permit approval requires the establishment of a landscape performance bond, to ensure effective implementation of a landscape plan approved by the responsible authority. This plan includes a reasonably detailed estimate of the quantity and types	It is expected that this will form a condition of permit of permit of the purpose.  By taking a copy of this do acknowledge and agree to only use the document for specified above and that	ocument, you that you will or the purpose
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of materials, watering equipment, plants and other inputs		
required. The amount of the bond provides an incentive for the		
broiler farm operator to fully implement the landscape plan and		
maintain the vegetation during the establishment period.		

# **ELEMENT 5 (E5): WASTE MANAGEMENT**

# Objective(E5):

To manage waste from broiler farm operations to:

- minimise adverse amenity impacts from odour and dust on nearby sensitive uses
- prevent the pollution of ground and surface waters and land
- avoid biosecurity risks.

## Standard E5 S1 Spent litter

The management and disposal systems for spent litter are designed to minimise odour and dust generation and the likelihood of disease transmission, and to prevent nutrient run-off to surrounding land, waterways or groundwater.

Approved Measures	Response		
E5 M1.1	All shed litter is collected and taken off-site		
Temporary litter stockpiles or compost piles are not visible or are			
well screened from neighbouring sensitive uses. If piles are visible			
from the broiler farm boundary, then they are screened by			
shedding or other suitable material.			
E5 M1.2	All shed litter is collected and taken off-site		
Temporary litter stockpiles or compost piles are located to prevent			
water run-off into sensitive areas, such as stormwater drains,			
waterways and catchments. Additional bunding may be required			
to prevent entry to, and contamination of, stormwater run-off. It			
may also be required to prevent extraneous stormwater run-off		This document has been copie	ed and
from entering the compost pile.		made available for the plannin	
E5 M1.3	All shed litter is collected and taken off-site	as set out in the Planning and	Environment
Nutrient-rich run-off from the temporary litter stockpiles or		Act 1987. The information must not be u	lood for any
compost piles is collected in a sump or dam and may be re-used		other purpose.	iseu ioi airy
to add moisture to the pile.		other purpose.	
E5 M1.4	All shed litter is collected and taken off-site		
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Temporary litter stockpiles or compost piles are on an		
impermeable base such as concrete, compacted clay or cement-		
stabilised soils, to prevent nutrient leaching.		
E5 M1.5	All shed litter is collected and taken off-site	
The litter application site is not on land subject to flooding, steep		
slopes (greater than 10 per cent), rocky, slaking or highly erodible		
land or highly impermeable soils where there is any risk of nutrient		
run-off to waterways, surrounding land or groundwater.		
Standard E5 S2 Dead birds		
The management and disposal of dead birds is designed to minimis	se the likelihood of disease transmission, com	plies with the
National Biosecurity Manual for Contract Meat Chicken Farming (o	r its most recent update) and minimises odou	ur and dust
generation.		
Apprpoved Measures	Response	
E5 M2.1	Dead birds are kept in an onsite freezer unt	til collection
Where birds are to be frozen before collection, adequate freezers		
and space for the freezers are provided.		
E5 M2.2	The collection area is located away from p	roperty boundaries
The collection point (for the collection vehicle) is as far as	and clearly accessible from via internal acc	cess tracks.
practical away from the farm site so that dead bird bins are not		
left in public view, and the collection vehicle does not come in		
close proximity to the broiler sheds.		
E5 M2.3	The Freezer collection area is located within	n existing sheds on
The collection point is appropriately constructed so the bins are	the land.	
protected from extreme weather conditions (for example, from		
winds that will cause lids to open or bins to tip over); and the site		This document has been copied and
can be easily cleaned in the event of a spill.		made available for the planning process
E5 M2.4	Collection vehicles will be leak proof to ens	ுக் ந்து நடிந்த the Planning and Environmer
Dead bird collection vehicles and all containment systems are leak		Act 1987. The information must not be used for any
proof and vermin proof.		other purpose.
E5 M2.5	No incineration of dead birds is propsoed.	
Incineration of dead birds is conducted only in incinerators built		By taking a copy of this document, you
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E5 M2.6	On-site burial of dead birds will only be undertaken in an
On-site burial of dead birds is undertaken only in an emergency situation and with the approval of the relevant authorities (the	emergency and with the approval of relevant authorities.
Chief Veterinary Officer of the Department of Primary Industries	
and EPA Victoria).	
Standard E5 S3 Chemical waste	
The management and disposal systems for chemical waste and ge	eneral farm waste are designed to ensure the safe storage, use and
disposal of chemicals.	
Approved Measures	Response
E5 M3.1	Existing sheds associated with the existing operation will be used
Secure sheds, with an impermeable concrete base and	for any additional chemicals which require storage.
appropriate bunding to avoid contaminated runoff, are provided	
to store chemicals, fuels, chemical waste and / or waste	

# OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT (ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN)

## Objective (E6):

containers (before disposal).

To apply best practice management of the broiler farm to avoid or minimise the risk of adverse amenity and environmental impacts on the surrounding environment and nearby sensitive uses.

### Standard E6 S1

An environmental management plan (EMP) is developed that includes strategies and measures to avoid or minimise environmental risks, and also contingency actions to manage environmental problems that may arise, as follows:

Approved Measures	Response		
E6 M1.1	The application does not seek a new use or	n the land with the	
An environmental management plan (EMP) is developed that is	proposed sheds to be associated with the e		
site specific and based on the approved generic EMP (as	will be operated as part of the existing use		
amended and updated from time to time). If the EMP lodged with		made available for the pl as set out in the Planning	
permit application does not address any part of the generic EMP,		Act 1987.	i and Environment
the applicant has addressed why that part is not relevant or applicable.		The information must not other purpose.	t be used for any
Alternatively, the EMP may be developed under the Victorian		outer purposer	
Farmers Federation Chicken Care program. To expand an existing		By taking a copy of this d	
Chicken Care-accredited farm, the EMP must be updated to		acknowledge and agree	
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development and to ensure compliance with this Code. Where the
EMP does not address any part of the generic EMP, the applicant
has addressed why that part is not relevant or applicable.
E6 M1.2
The farm grower / operator maintains and updates (as required)
a manual containing the EMP, which is available for inspection by
the responsible authority

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**Final Report** 

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# 1. Introduction

PEC was engaged by Marshal Melbourne acting for the owner of a broiler farm at 85 Cathcart Road, Longwarry to assess the implications arising from a proposed expansion to the existing broiler farm from the existing bird capacity of 320,000 birds to a proposed capacity of 400,000 birds.

In particular, the separation distances from existing residences to the expanded farm is to be assessed with respect to the current guidelines for broiler farms. These guidelines are in a state of flux – the proposed separation distances being in draft form and are yet to be finalised.

PEC agreed with Marshal a scope of work that entailed the following components:

- Site visit
- Description of broiler farm operations
- Calculation of separation distance as per the 2009 Broiler Code<sup>1</sup> as cited in the EPAV separation distance guideline<sup>2</sup>
- Determination of a directional buffer taking account of site-representative meteorology.
- Determination of odour complaint history from nearby residences
- Reporting

# 2. Sequence of Farm development

### **Original Farm**

Figure 1 shows the broiler shed layout and site boundary as well as the proximate residences. The original farm was established in 2002 and comprised two groups (modules) of four sheds with the sheds sized to house 40,000 birds. The farm limit of 320,000 birds was below the 400,000 bird limit for a broiler farm and enabled it to be classed as Class A or Class B in the Vic Broiler Code. These classes do not require an Odour Environmental Risk Assessment (OERA) to be conducted.

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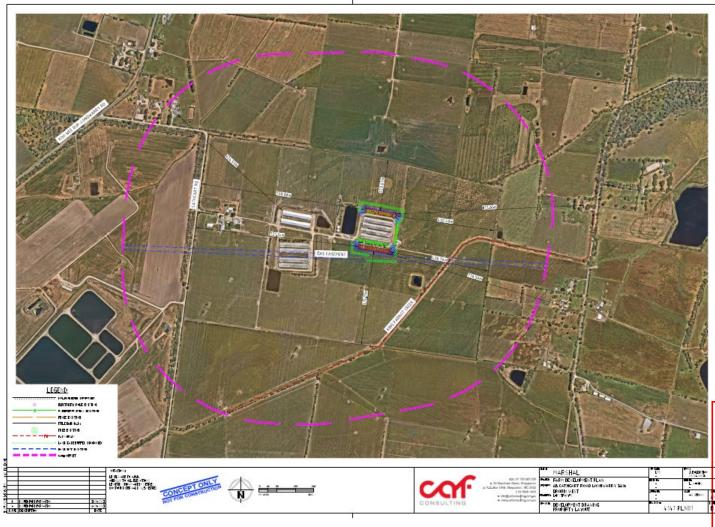


Figure 1. Property Layout (CAF Dwg 4141 PLN1)

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### Expansion to 10 sheds in 2016

The RSPCA requirements<sup>3</sup> limiting bird stocking rates to 34 kg /m<sup>2</sup> for mechanically ventilated sheds were adopted by the major processors. In turn the growers were required to either; (i) add sheds to maintain the same number of birds in a batch, or (ii) reduce stocking density in the existing sheds and grow less birds per batch. Both options were adopted in the western group<sup>4</sup>, with two sheds (#9 and #10) added<sup>5</sup>. The eastern group (sheds #1 to 4) adopted option 1 and were destocked to 30,000 birds/shed. Both groups complied to the RSPCA stocking limit<sup>6</sup>. There was an increase to ~200,000 birds in the western group (ie 6 x 33,300) with the number of birds in the eastern module reduced to 120,000. In combination the farm carried 320,000 birds

### **Proposed Expansion**

After the two groups came into common ownership it was decided to increase the farm capacity to 400,000 birds. Two additional sheds (#11 and #12- see orange hatching of sheds in Figure 1) are proposed for the eastern group, increasing its capacity to 200,000 birds. The 12 sheds at 33,500 birds/shed raises the combined farm size to  $\sim 400,000$  birds<sup>7</sup>.

#### **Broiler Shed Operation** 3.

The description given in this section is based on a site visit by Tim Pollock on 25 March and on details provided by the farm manager Erik Van Tiel.

#### **Shed Ventilation** 3.1

The sheds are all mechanically ventilated (as opposed to the earlier side curtain sheds that were hostage to ambient wind speeds and could achieve cooling only by fogging).

### Sideflow / Crossflow Ventilation

The systems used vary from;

(i) use of side flow with exhaust through eight ridgeline vents (sheds #1 to #4

and #5 to #8) - see Figure 2

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Each group was under separate ownership.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> By increasing the number of sheds in this group from 4 to 6, this module increased capacity to 200,000 birds **and** reduced the stocking rate. to 200,000 birds and reduced the stocking rate.

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(ii) use of crossflow with inlets on one side and exhaust via four fixed speed bulkhead fans on the opposite side (sheds #9 and #10).

The side flow and cross flow ventilation is employed under most conditions, the exceptions being; (i) when birds are young and not fully fledged, gas heaters are used to warm incoming air, and (ii) when birds are older and ambient temperatures are high ( > 27 deg C) tunnel ventilation (ie longitudinal airflow) is used together with evaporative cooling of incoming air as ambient temperature rises. Tunnel ventilation is fitted on all existing sheds – see Figure 2.

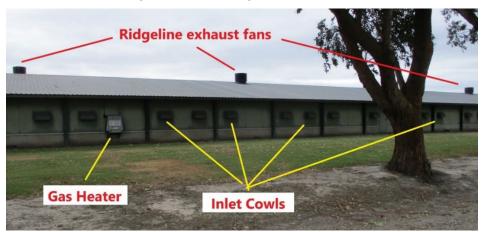


Figure 2. Ventilation - Shed #1

### **Tunnel Ventilation**

The tunnel ventilation increases as ambient temperature rises so that the increase in shed temperature above ambient reduces. The sheds are fitted with eight fixed speed 1200mm bulkhead fans (see Figure 3) and two 600 mm fans. Fine adjustment of the required shed airflow rate can be achieved by pulsing the fans. When shed temperature exceeds the set-point for bird age, air inflow via the mini-vents along each side of the shed is cut and air inflow is via evaporative coolers located at the opposite end to the tunnel fans – see Figure 4. Irrigation of the airflow through the cooler honeycomb is adjusted to provide evaporative cooling of the incoming ambient air.



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Figure 4. Evaporative Cooler Pads - Sheds #9 and 10

#### 3.2 **Litter Management**

Prior to the placement of a batch of birds the shed floor is cleared of the litter/droppings from the previous batch and the spent litter is exported for sale to farmers and composting operations.

Fresh litter comprising a blend of rice hulls and wood shavings is imported and spread evenly to a depth of 50 mm.

During the batch grow-out the litter is tested for moisture content. When/where litter exceeds the desired moisture (~40%) or where the litter cover 'cakes', tilling the litter is conducted. Typically tilling is only required during winter months and at most several tillings might be required during a batch - towards the end of the batch growout.

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#### **Required Separation Distance for Broiler Farms** 4.

Separation distance<sup>8</sup> (SD) has been a simple planning tool to minimise impacts of odour or nuisance dust emissions from designated industries on so-called 'sensitive receptors'. Rural industries have been in the forefront in developing guidelines to allow SD determinations so that these industries can locate to avoid conflict with sensitive land uses (typically residential).

### **Current Procedure – Broiler Code**

In Victoria the Victorian Farmers Federation, Chicken meat group together with the Department of Primary Industries and the Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPAV) developed the Victorian Code for Broiler Farms in 2001. The Code was updated in 2009 and minor amendments were made in 2018.

The Code provides a formula to determine the separation distance SD in metres as a function of the broiler farm size - expressed as the number of thousands birds N as follows.

$$SD = 27 \times N^{0.54}$$
 equation 1

Note that the current EPAV publication<sup>9</sup> for recommended separation distances, in Table 1 under 'Poultry – for meat' refers to the 2009 Code to determine the appropriate SD.

Then for this farm, originally stocked to give 320,000 birds and now to be stocked to 400,000 birds, the SD is set by the Code is;

608 m for the original farm and initial expansion, and 686 m for the proposed expansion.

The application of the SD requires the 'activity boundary' enclosing the odour sources to be defined. The SD is then scribed as a fixed distance from this boundary. As shown in Figure 1 only one 10 of the three closest rural residences does not comply to the separation specified for the proposed expansion- with a separation of 625 m.

PEC understands that there have been no complaints made by athe legal pants of ind process with respect to odour from the farm – either to Council, ERAM or to the farm manager.

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8 Previously termed buffer distance

<sup>1518,</sup> March 2018

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Residence R1 – 35 Cathcart Rd

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The proposed increase in farm bird population will induce a shortfall of 61 m (~9% of the 686 m SD).

#### 4.2 Summary

The shortfall of SD at R1 is small compared to the default SD of 686m.

The SD in equation 1 was deliberately set to be conservative, ensuring that adverse impact is avoided.

PEC principal Tim Pollock has been involved for over 20 years in assessing existing and proposed broiler farms in Victoria and is aware of only one case<sup>11</sup> where the 686m SD for a 400,000 bird broiler farm has been found to be inadequate to protect residents from adverse odour impact.

In relation to such rare events, the proposed SD guideline in Section 1.3 Scope comments:

Recommended separation distances in this guideline do not account for upset conditions such as major abnormal weather conditions, major accidents or major equipment failure. Unlike emissions under normal operating conditions, upset conditions are often irregular or sporadic and impacts can extend beyond the distance for unintended emissions. Upset conditions should be managed by implementing reasonably practicable contingency measures.

So, the impact of major incidents/accidents are not intended to be covered by the recommended SDs in the draft guideline.

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#### **Effect of Local Meteorology – Directional Buffers** 5.

This concept was introduced in 2004<sup>12</sup> and was part of a review of buffer distances for EPAV in 2000. It has had extensive use in planning fora and in VCAT& Planning Panel hearings. Recently it has gained recognition in EPAV guidance<sup>13</sup>. PEC has commissioned Air Environment (AE) to determine a directional buffer (or SD) using a 12 month hourly dataset of meteorological parameters from the nearest EPAV AQMS<sup>14</sup> at Pakenham<sup>15</sup>. The AE memo report is included as Appendix A and the output is discussed below.

#### 5.1 Pakenham Meteorological Data

The EPAV station was located at the Pakenham racecourse, some 10 km WNW of the broiler farm. Given there is little terrain between the sites and that the dominant terrain feature affecting both sites is the Great Dividing Range to the north, the Pakenham data will be representative of conditions at the broiler farm. Figure 6 gives the annual average wind rose from the AQMS.

The windrose shows that light winds were predominantly from the N and NW reflecting the drainage from the Great Dividing Range, and also from the east (funnelled up-valley flow from the Latrobe Valley). These directions will result in an increased impact of odour emissions downwind.

#### 5.2 **Directional SDs**

The corresponding directional SDs (i.e. enclosing the same area as the radial SD) are shown in Figure 6 for the Code 686m. The directional SD shows an increased extension to the south compared to the radial SD, and a regression to the south compared to the radial SD, and the North and north east compared to the radial SD. This feature confirms that the planning process as set out in the Planning and Environment

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> AQMS – Air Quality Monitoring Station

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southerly cool air drainage flow off the Great Dividing Range to the north is the main influence affecting departure from the radial SD.

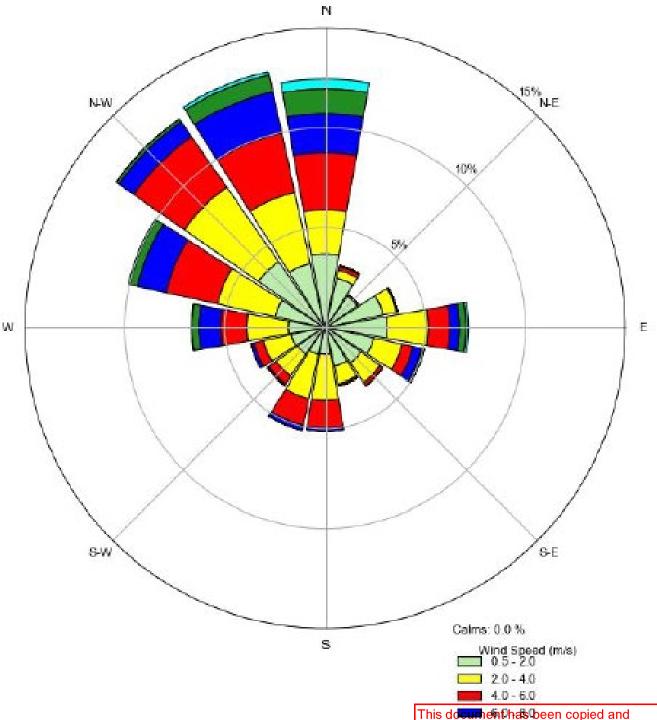


Figure 5. Annual Wind Rose – Pakenham 2006.

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### **Code SD**

Figure 6 shows that there is a small retraction from the radial 686m at residence R1 that is sufficient to have R1 compliant with (ie not covered by) the Code directional buffer. So, all three residences are outside the Code SD when the directional effect is accounted for.

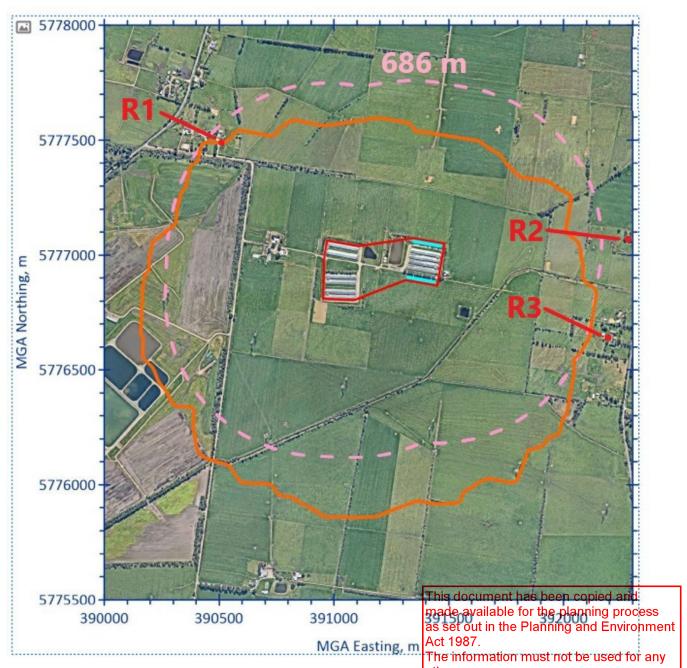


Figure 6. Code 686 m Directional and Radial SDs for Propuser Farm expansion

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## 6. Risk Assessment

The EPAV now require assessments of odour impact from industries with residual emissions to be grounded on a risk assessment using a range of tools to characterise the risk at sensitive receptors. In contrast to the use of dispersion modelling as described in the Broiler Code, EPAV have placed emphasis on field odour surveys as detailed in Pubn #1881<sup>16</sup>- relying on 'ground-truthing' in preference to odour dispersion modelling. The risk assessment procedure advocated by EPAV is detailed in Pubn. #1883<sup>17</sup>.

In this case, the absence of odour complaints from R1 over the 20+ years of farm operation plus the compliance to the Code directional SD at R1, of itself provides evidence that the risk of odour impact at R1 will remain very Low.

PEC's experience from commissioning/assessing field odour surveys<sup>18</sup> at other Victorian broiler farms is that the typical maximum extent of 'obvious' odour downwind from a 400,000 bird farm (typically an array of eight sheds) at maximum bird weight towards the end of the batch is ≤ 600 m.

Given the complete absence of complaints since the inception of the farm 20+ years ago, the compliance to the Code directional SD and the competent management of the farm, there is no need to demonstrate by field odour surveys that the risk of odour impact is Low.

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# 7. Conclusions

The analyses presented in this report show that the proposed expansion to the existing farm:

- does not breech the 400,000 bird limit that the Code uses to determine whether an OERA is required,
- does not breech the Code 686 m buffer when the directional response to local dispersion conditions is accounted for,
- has not occasioned any complaint from residents over the twenty year operation of the farm,
- and does not need a field odour survey to confirm what is known in the broiler industry for farms of this size when competently run.

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### Longwarry Broiler Farm Expansion Meteorologically Adjusted Buffer Analysis

### 1 Introduction

This document provides a brief summary of the methods and results of an assessment to adjust the buffer separation envelope around the Longwarry Broiler Farm to account for the addition of two more sheds to the north and south of the eastern farm module. The information presented herein is provided without comment and is intended for inclusion within the PEC odour assessment report.

This document provides:

- An analysis of the distributions of wind speed and direction (based on a wind rose diagram analyses)
   in the 2006 AUSPLUME meteorological file, used to drive the AUSPLUME model.
- A summary of the AUSPLUME configuration used to create the contours selected for use in determining the meteorologically adjusted buffer.
- A site map of the expanded broiler farm showing the two additional farm modules and the activity area.
- The buffer analysis for the Longwarry Broiler Farm activity area for a 686 m separation distance:
  - Standard 686 m radial buffer
  - Meteorologically adjusted buffer and bearing table.

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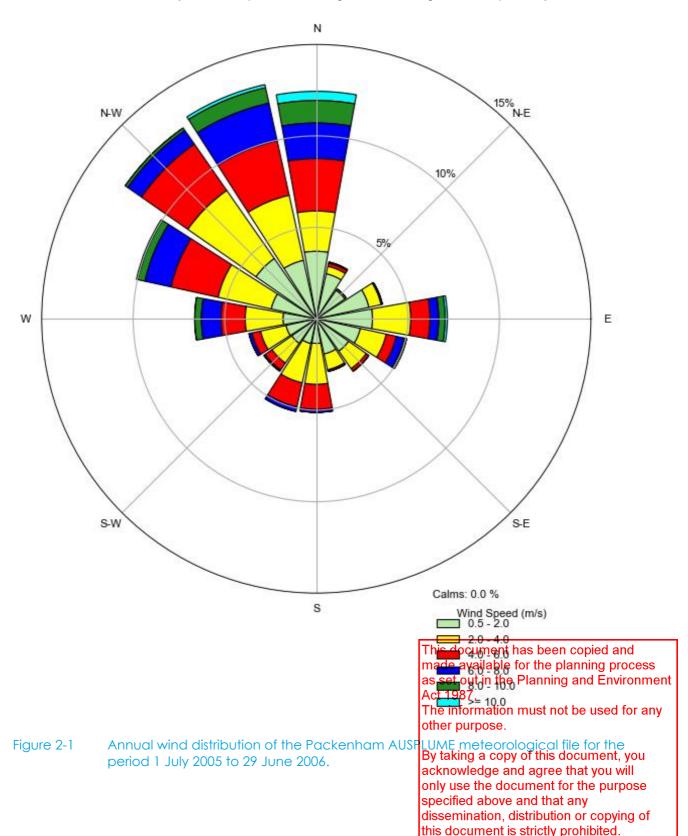
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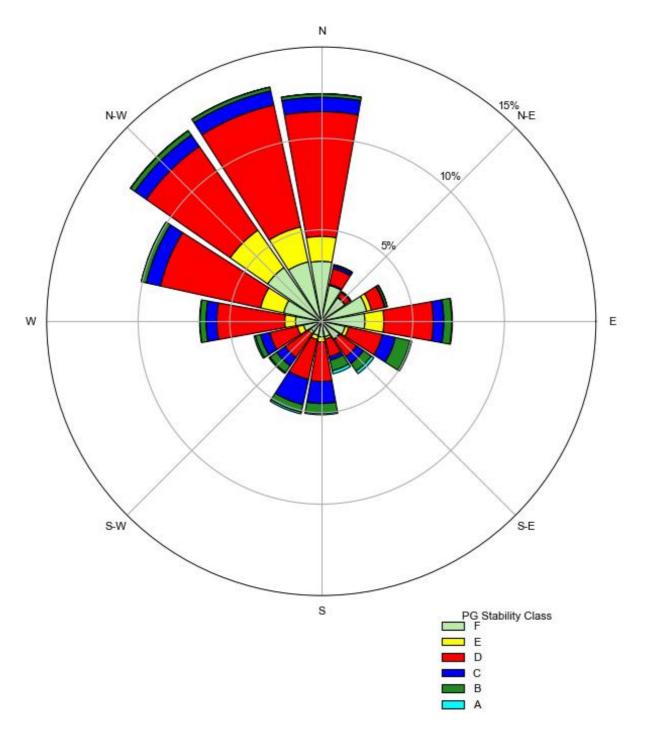
#### 2 **Wind Distribution Analysis**

An annual wind and stability rose analysis was prepared from the EPAV Packenham AUSPLUME meteorological file (Pake06.met) for the one-year period commencing on 1 July 2005 and ending on 29 June 2006.

The annual wind and stability roses are presented in Figure 2-1 and Figure 2-2 respectively.







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#### 3 **AUSPLUME Configuration**

AUSPLUME (version 6.0) was configured:

- Using the flat terrain option
- To predict 1-hour average odour concentrations
- Using rural dispersion coefficients
- With a uniform cartesian grid:
  - Grid centred at point (0,0)
  - 101 rows by 101 columns (4000 m by 4000 m)
  - 40 m grid resolution
- A surface roughness of 0.4 m ("rolling rural")
- A single 10 m by 10 m area source, centred at point (0,0) emitting a constant 10 ou/m<sup>2</sup>/s at a release height of 0 m and an initial vertical spread of 2m.
- Calculation of the 99.5th percentile odour concentration contour plot file.

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#### 4 Site Map

A map of the expanded Longwarry Broiler Farm site is presented in Figure 4-1, with the two additional sheds on the eastern module being shown in cyan, and the activity boundary outlined in red. The tunnel fans are located on the western ends of each western-module shed, and the eastern ends of each eastern-module shed. The activity boundaries are therefore increased by 10 m at the fan ends of each shed to account for the throw of the tunnel fan exhaust.



Figure 4-1 Site map and activity boundary for the expanded Longwarry Broiler Farm

Figure Note

The expanded Longwarry Broiler Farm activity boundary is pu sheds being shown in cyan. The activity boundary extends 10 m to the west of t modules and 10 m to the east of the eastern module to accomade available flowing process exhaust.

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#### 5 Meteorologically Adjusted Buffer (686 m)

The standard 686 m radial separation distance, and the corresponding meteorologically-adjusted buffer, surrounding the expanded broiler farm activity area is presented in Figure 5-1.

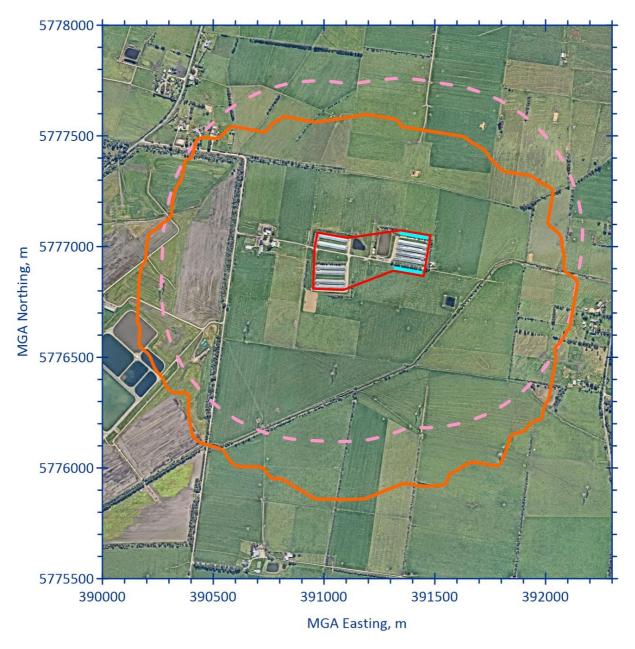


Figure 5-1 Standard 686 m radial buffer and corresponding meteorologically-adjusted buffer surrounding the expanded broiler farm activity area boundary

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The variation in meteorologically-adjusted buffer distance with compass bearing is provided in Table 5-1.

Table 5-1 Variation in meteorologically-adjusted buffer distance with compass bearing: 686 m separation distance surrounding the activity area

Bearing	Meteorologically- adjusted buffer distance (m)	Percentage of average adjusted buffer distance (%)	Percentage of standard radial distance (%)
0	464.8	70	68
15	457.0	69	67
30	457.3	69	67
45	435.3	65	64
60	531.3	80	78
75	532.5	80	78
90	586.8	88	86
105	641.6	96	94
120	641.3	96	94
135	792.5	119	116
150	822.1	124	120
165	870.3	131	127
180	947.2	142	138
195	848.3	127	124
210	834.7	125	122
225	794.8	119	116
240	791.4	119	115
255	795.6	120	116
270	755.9	114	110
285	667.4	100	97
300	666.7	100	97
315	613.1	92	89
330	504.4	76	74
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### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION: NOTICE OF DECISION

This letter is to give you the decision on the request you made for documents under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Your request is for:

Any inspection reports for inspections carried out, or remedial notices issued to, the broiler farm located at the property address 85 Cathcart Road, Longwarry (sometimes referred to as 83 Cathcart Road, Longwarry), since 2012 or the inception of the use by EPA of the "Ibis" database.

EPA has identified zero documents relevant to your request.

#### **Decision and reasons for decision**

To respond to your request, I asked our Gippsland Regional Office (Gippsland) to undertake a search for documents relevant to your request. Gippsland was asked to undertake the search, as it is the office that oversees EPA operations in geographical area covering the site that is the subject of your request, and it would have any of the kinds of documents you have requested.

Gippsland undertook a search based on the details of the site you have provided, which is its street address, whether 83 or 85 Cathcart Road, Longwarry. The locations that Gippsland searched for documents included:

- its office, general drive (or "G Drive"), in which it maintains some historical material related to sites with which it has interacted
- the archive of material from the Integrated Business Information System or "IBIS" database, which system was in use at EPA from approximately 2012 until 1 July 2021
- the Microsoft Dynamics database, in use by EPA since 1 July 2021 for managing casework with respect to sites for which there have been regulatory interactions
- a Geospatial Information System (GIS) available to EPA staff to search for any EPA regulatory activity that might be linked to the site.

Based on the searches conducted and information provided by the relationship the based and the based discovered no documents relevant to your request. Therefore, I advise the documents relevant to your request. not exist, or cannot, after a thorough and diligent search, be located

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# ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

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#### 1. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- 1. Landscaping
- 2. Facilities Standards
- 3. Roads and Traffic
- 4. Feed, Water and Electricity Supply
- 5. Odour
- 6. Noise
- 7. Litter and Dust
- 8. Chemicals
- 9. Bird Management
- 10. Other Environmental Controls
- 11. Contingency Plans
- 12. Community Participation

Overall strategies and control measures to minimise impacts and continuously improve environmental performance on each issue are provided in the following sections.

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#### 1.1 LANDSCAPING

<u>EMP O</u>bjective: To maintain and enhance the landscaping, visual screening and other environmental management systems as specified in the planning permit.

Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
Grower	<ul> <li>Inspection confirms planting has been established in accordance with the approved landscaping plan</li> <li>Trees and understorey plants will be selected incorporating advice from local nurseries</li> </ul>
Grower	Plans take into account seasonal conditions and requirements
Grower	• Watering, weed control and mulching incorporate advice from local nurseries • Plant replacements are confistent with the been copied and approved landscaping planaed values and the process seasonal and weather confistent technical and Environment of trees plantscaping expenditures with permit conditions.
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#### 1.2 FACILITY STANDARDS

<u>EMP O</u>bjective: To maintain and enhance buildings, site drainage and equipment in order to minimise off-site impacts and maximise operational efficiency and safety.

	Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.2.1	Sheds and associated areas are maintained to the Processor and Grower agreed best practice specifications and to planning permit reauirements	Grower	Comparison and inspection demonstrate compliance with both Processor and Permit requirements
2.2.2	Equipment and structures are in place and maintained to enable odour, dust and noise control as required in the planning permit	Grower	<ul> <li>Manufacturer documentation for major equipment should be available to demonstrate design performance standards are achieved</li> <li>Failures in existing equipment or structures will be repaired within acceptable timeframes unless there is potential for immediate offsite noise or other effects. In these cases, timings in Sections 5, 6 and 11 apply.</li> <li>Upgrades identified through the audit process will be installed within one vector and period agreed with the respective opied and period agreed with the respective out in the Planning and Environment</li> </ul>
2.2.3	Shed walls and roof surfaces are maintained to achieve low reflection and off-farm visual screening where required in the planning permit. Energy consumption, additional fan usage and animal welfare should also be considered when selecting the preferred roof surface.	Grower	Act 1987.  The information must not be used for an other purpose, permit requirements and maintenance of external cladding in a soun by condition property of this document, you acknowledge and agree that you will only use the document for the purpose specified above and that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this document is strictly prohibited.



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	Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.2.4	Best practice equipment for monitoring and control of temperature, ventilation, cooling and water consumption is in place, maintained to manufacturer's specifications and used.	Grower	<ul> <li>Comparison demonstrates compliance with latest Processor requirements or achievement of equivalent environmental performance and bird welfare.</li> <li>Typically each shed will have working programmable controllers (to adjust heaters, fans and cooling systems) and remote readouts of shed temperatures and alarms (to alert on temperature and electricity excursions)</li> </ul>
2.2.5	Drainage to soil or waterways is not impaired or unduly contaminated by shed or farm operations	Grower	
2.2.6	Stormwater systems including drains, silt traps and dams are maintained in accordance with planning permit requirements to ensure no pollution of surface or groundwater	Grower	<ul> <li>Stormwater runoff from roofs, roads and hardstand aprons is controlled and collected via approved drains and dams</li> <li>Drains are maintained in shape and slope and are free of weeds and blockages ade available for the planning process</li> </ul>
2.2.7	Changes that would improve farm performance against EMP 2.2 objectives above are identified and included in the future development plan for the farm.	Grower	as set out in the Planning and Environmer Act 1987. The information must not be used for any other purpose.  By taking a copy of this document, you acknowledge and agree that you will
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#### 1.3 **ROADS AND TRAFFIC**

EMP Objective: To maintain and enhance roads, gates and turning areas in good condition and in accordance with the planning permit in order to prevent interference with other traffic or the generation of unreasonable off-site noise or dust.

	Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.3.1	The surface of vehicle crossovers, internal access roads, loading areas and car parking spaces as required by the planning permit are maintained to allow safe entry, all weather access and minimise generation of dust.	Grower	Repairs or upgrades where needed will be completed prior to the next major period of truck movements.
2.3.2	Road drains, stormwater runoff areas and culverts etc., are maintained and all requirements specified in the planning permit are in place.	Grower	Inspection confirms compliance with planning permit requirements.
2.3.3	All vehicles and machinery, including that used by contractors servicing the farm, are maintained to ensure that noise or emissions do not exceed the manufacturer's specification and meet limits for country and metropolitan areas as tabulated in the Code (Appendix 4)	Grower	Where offsite noise has been identified as a concern, testing of vehicles by an EPAT biotherized tless been applied and be utilised to ensure compliance available for the planning process as set out in the Planning and Environmental Standards listed below.  Registered vehicles will conform information must not be used for an Environmental Protection (Vehicle Praission) Regulations 1992 which incorporate Australians document, you Design Rule 28 relating to noise particular approaches that you will only use the document for the purpose specified above and that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this document is strictly prohibited.
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	Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.3.4	Where required by a risk assessment of terrain, neighbour proximity and the potential for offsite noise impacts, a register of all transport contractors and written confirmations from major firms of their noise controls is maintained on farm	Grower	Confirmation would cover these items and the use of effective noise mufflers on all vehicles
2.3.5	Farm layout and standing instructions to transport contractors ensure that all vehicles leave the property in a forward direction.	Grower	These instructions are an identifiable part of contracts or communications with transport companies
2.3.6	Bird pick-up contractors are instructed and supervised to ensure bird pick-up and associated activities completed during the night are undertaken with care to reduce the generation of noise.	Grower	Noise control is an identifiable part of transport company contracts and training
2.3.7	Special speed limits if necessary on the farm are identified by training, signs or instructions to drivers in order to limit noise and dust levels.	Grower	Documentation of instruction instruction in the planning process contractors is maintained on the planning and Environment Act 1987.  The information must not be used for any
2.3.8	Contract transport drivers are aware of their responsibilities and are familiar with their transport accident emergency plan.	Grower	• Emergency plans comply with industry emergency procedures and Transport Regulations      other purpose.      • Emergency plans comply with industry expenses and string a copy of this document, you will only use the document for the purpose specified above and that any dissemination, distribution or copying of
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2.3.9 Changes that would improve farm performance against EMP 2.3 objectives above are identified and included in the future development plan for the farm.	Grower	

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#### 1.4 FEED, WATER AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

<u>EMP O</u>bjective: To ensure the quality and continuity of feed, water and shed ambient conditions in order to protect animal welfare and prevent environmental impacts.

	Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trig Continge	ger Level or ency Actions/Timing	
2.4.1	Well designed, constructed and totally enclosed silos and feed systems are installed in order to provide fresh and wholesome feed without any contamination or generation of dust.	Both	Inspection indicates no evid the feed system	ence of breaches in	
2.4.2	Wild-bird proofing on sheds and silos are installed and maintained, and vermin and rodents are controlled by targeted and environmentally safe baiting, using substances and protocols that meet Government and Processor requirements	Growe r	Comparison demonstrates of National Biosecurity Manua	•	
2.4.3	Equipment and procedures for clean-up of feed spills are available and any such spills are removed daily.	Growe r	Inspection indicates no evid breach of the feed system	This document has been copied at made available for the planning pr	rocess
2.4.4	Potable water is provided. This may be provided from reticulated town water supply or bore. When dam or river water is used, chlorination, ultraviolet light systems or other appropriate sanitation procedures are used.	Growe r	Comparison demonstrates of dosage levels and procedu suppliers	as set out in the Planning and Envi Off 1987nce with The information must not be used other purpose.  By taking a copy of this document, acknowledge and agree that you wonly use the document for the purpose.	for any , you will
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	Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.4.5	Electrical power and phase supply alarms are installed to alert the Grower of supply failure and a standby generator is provided to maintain normal operating conditions.	Grower	
2.4.6	Changes that would improve farm performance against the EMP 2.4 objectives above are identified and included in the future development plan for the farm.	Grower	

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#### 1.5 NOISE

 $\underline{\mathsf{EMP}}$  Objective: To ensure that farm operations control transmission of unreasonable noise by using appropriate design, maintenance and operating procedures.

	Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.5.1	Operation of all mechanical equipment, including shed fans, feed systems and other equipment minimises the offsite transmission of mechanical noise or vibration.	Growe r	Equipment and electrical generators have effective noise suppressors
2.5.2	Equipment is installed, operated and maintained according to manufacturer's requirements or to the instructions from an appropriately qualified technical source.	Growe r	Register of manufacturer instructions is available for all equipment with potential for off-site noise
2.5.3	Where risk assessment indicates off-site noise is likely, vehicle reversing is minimised and visual alarms are used (subject to safety considerations also being met).	Growe r	Farm layout and operational practices are designed to minimise reversing  This desument has been seried and
2.5.4		Growe r	This document has been copied and made available for the planning process  Inspection confirms installated anset being and Environment visual alarms and paging systems. Where needed the information must not be used for any other purpose.  By taking a copy of this document, you acknowledge and agree that you will only use the document for the purpose
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Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.5.5 Ventilation fans, tractors, farm vehicles, transport vehicles and other equipment are maintained, repaired and operate to the manufacturer's requirements.	Grower	<ul> <li>An annual farm equipment checklist or equivalent precautions are in place and used</li> <li>Equipment failures causing increased off-site noise are repaired within one week. Other equipment problems are repaired in a timely manner to prevent deterioration and</li> </ul>
2.5.6 Bird pick-up contractors have the equipment and training specified by Processors and comply with procedures that minimise noise.	Grower	Noise control practices requiring arrival, operation and departure as quietly as possible are an identifiable part of the communications or contract with pick-up companies
2.5.7 Bird pick-up contractors are supervised and suggested practical improvements or details of noisy contractor performance are reported to the Processor for action.	Grower	

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Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.5.9 Farm noise levels comply with the noise criteria specified in the planning permit or with published Victorian industrial noise standards.	Grower	Where off-site noise problems persist, the Grower and/or Processor will initiate advice from a noise consultant
2.5.10 Any physical noise barriers specified in the planning permit (e.g., baffles, sound barriers, landscaping, mounds, etc.) are maintained in effective condition.	Grower	
2.5.11 Changes that would improve farm performance against EMP 2.5 objectives above are identified and included in the future development plan for the farm.	Grower	

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#### 1.6 ODOUR

EMP Objective: To ensure that farm operations do not produce odours that unreasonably impact on neighbours.

	Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.6.1	A log of key conditions and activities with potential to affect odour generation is in place, maintained and periodically reviewed as the basis for minimisation and control of odours. It addresses relevant factors including feed, drinker, litter and climate conditions and flock age.	Grower	Contingency action plans including those detailed in Section  11.1 and in industry information such as for example the Chicken Care Contingency Plans Guidance Note are used. These cover odour caused by:  - Drinker Malfunction  - Fogging Systems  - Poor Ventilation  - Poor Drainage  - Wet Droppings  - Dead Birds  Chamicale
2.6.2	Drinker technology equivalent in performance to industry best practice is installed and maintained to minimise formation of wet litter.	Grower	Periodic comparisons with other Growers in the Processor group, benchmarking between Processors and reviews of research under that been copied and commercial literature confirmative for the planning process achieving best practice operations with other Growers in the Processors and reviews of research under the planning process achieving best practice operations.  The information must not be used for an experiment of the planning process achieving best practice operations.

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	Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.6.3	Feed is sourced only from mills capable of producing an output of assured quality. Feed formulation objectives for meat chicken diets demonstrably minimise the risk of feed-sourced odour on farms.	Processor	<ul> <li>Feed formulations suspected to be causing excessive odour or wet litter will be adjusted no later than for the next bird growing cycle.</li> <li>Any individual feed batches strongly linked to excessive odour will be reported to the Processor, reviewed, changed or removed immediately when the sources of the problem are known.</li> <li>Feed delivery flexibility will be typically provided by availability of 3 silos (typically of 25 tonne capacity) for every 2 sheds</li> </ul>
2.6.4	The prevailing weather conditions and forecasts are taken into account when scheduling and planning farm operations in order to minimise offsite impacts.	Grower	These should be included in the log of key conditions in Clause 2.6.1, which for example should include recording of wind direction at the time of shed cleanout.
2.6.5	Changes that would improve farm performance against the EMP 2.6 objectives above are identified and included in the future development plan for the farm.	Both	This document has been copied a made available for the planning pras set out in the Planning and Env

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#### 1.7 LITTER AND DUST

<u>EMP O</u>bjective: To minimise odour or dust generation with potential for off-site impact and to ensure that no land or water contamination occurs.

	Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.7.1	Prior to the introduction of the birds to the sheds, a appropriate layer of dry sawdust, wood shavings or rice hulls (deep litter) is distributed over the entire shed floor	Grower	<ul> <li>Dry litter is material that does not form a single stable ball when squeezed by hand.</li> <li>Where more precise control is required due to a history of litter or odour concerns, measurement to confirm that litter moisture is below 20% by weight may be required.</li> </ul>
2.7.2	A concrete hardstand of area sufficient for clean-out operations is provided and maintained at the shed entrance.	Grower	Area dimensions are greater than door width and typically at least 3 metres by 4 metres

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	Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.7.3	Litter moisture is monitored and kept in a dry condition below the level for the farm known to cause odour (typically below 30 to 40% by weight throughout the batch). This is achieved by the shed floors built up above adjacent surface levels with compacted clay (thus ensuring no moisture seepage into the shed), by best practice drinkers (to ensure that overflowing and flooding of the deep litter does not occur) and by checking of the litter and drinkers in the shed at least daily.	Grower	<ul> <li>Litter monitoring (at least on a 6-point visual scale of "dusty, friable, moist, sticky, wet/sticky/caking or very wet/sticky) will be recorded weekly at nine points per shed, as defined by DNRE and outlined in the Code or by a method of equivalent performance. Measurement of litter moisture percentage by weight is recommended where persistent odour problems are occurring.</li> <li>Major drinker leakages will be detected by regular shed inspections (typically 3 to 4 times daily)</li> <li>Contingency actions including gas heating, ventilation adjustment and others detailed in industry information (such as for example the Chicken Care Contingency Plans Guidance Note) are</li> </ul>
2.7.4	Any major wet litter areas are removed and replaced with dry litter where practicable.	Grower	Excessive areas of wet litter will be replaced with dry litter on no less than a daily basis. Removal of any such wet litter follows lit
2.7.5	Pastoral applications of the litter are in accordance with approved litter management plans based on relevant advisory guidelines and are monitored to ensure no nutrient overload can occur.	Grower	Relevant guides include     Management Guidelines (under development) and advice in the interim from Daramonisting is in accord with of the responsible authority  The information must not be used for any other purpose.  Manure  Manur
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	Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.7.6	The timing of litter removal is chosen, where it is reasonably possible, to minimise off-site impacts by taking into account weather conditions such as temperature, wind direction, turbulence and time of day.	Grower	<ul> <li>Turbulence for example can help odour dispersion while calm conditions can make the odour impact worse</li> <li>Evening conditions usually are unfavourable</li> </ul>
2.7.7	Litter transported off-site is free of dead birds.	Grower	Every effort, for example by inspection of empty sheds before litter removal is undertaken
2.7.8	Litter cleaned out after each batch following removal of all chickens is removed from each shed as part of the cleaning process and loaded directly onto trucks for transport off- site for further processing, reuse or disposal. Sheds are closed before and after clean-out to reduce odour.	Grower	Where there is a history of litter or odour concerns, clean- out conditions should be included in the log of key conditions in Clause 2.6.1
2.7.9	Contractors responsible for delivery and pick- up of litter ensure that all trucks delivering and collecting litter at the beginning/end of each batch have secured covers, which are used to prevent any dust or spillage of the litter on arrival at and departure from site.	Both	Where problems have been arrangements with contract should be available      Should be available      Act 1987.  The information must not be used for any other purpose.  By taking a copy of this document, you
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2.7.10 When immediate removal is not possible, litter may be stored for a short term in stockpile areas effectively designed with low permeability to avoid contamination of surface water, groundwater and land. Water runoff is prevented (for example, through use of bunding control) and stockpile dust, moisture and odour are controlled.	Grower	Management of stockpiles is as per the DNRE     Manure Management Guidelines (under     development) or advice in the interim from DNRE.     Such storage is also established and maintained as     detailed in industry information (such as for example     the Chicken Care Guidance Note for Temporary Litter     Stockpiles)
2.7.11 Stockpiling and subsequent collection of stockpiled litter are done where practical at times to minimise odour generation (taking into account temperature, wind direction and turbulence).	Grower	<ul> <li>Stockpiles are located in accordance with the approved litter management plan, based on relevant advisory guidelines</li> <li>Where odour problem may occur, issues relating to forming or collecting stockpiled litter are resolved with neighbours on a case by case basis</li> </ul>
2.7.12 Provision is made to contain and promptly clean up any litter spillage in order to minimise generation of contaminated stormwater or dust.	Grower	Such events and actions are documented in farm logbooks  This document has been copied and made available for the planning process
2.7.13 If dust is visible with potential for off-site impact, action is taken to control the level of dust emissions.	Grower	<ul> <li>Contingency actions include ascipts the Plateing and Environment moisture levels or fan cowls</li> <li>Careful maintenance of strategically occated tree/vegetation belts will also assist in control of any airborne dust</li> <li>By taking a copy of this document, you acknowledge and agree that you will only use the document for the purpose specified above and that any</li> </ul>
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#### **CHEMICALS** 1.8

EMP Objective: To identify all environmental and safety hazards associated with chemicals and fuels used on the farm, to ensure systems are in place to handle accidents and to prevent on-site and off-site impacts.

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Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
Grower	Evidence of successful completion of the training is available
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Grower	Controls can include selection of lowest risk storage location, sealed flooring, bunding, segregation and provision of spill absorbents  This document has been copied and made available for the planning process as set out in the Planning and Environment
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2.8.9 No chemical or related odours are detected offsite during or after shed washdown. To minimise the risk of off-site chemical spray drift, sheds are closed immediately after chemical applications and for 12 to 48 hours after spraying with hazardous or highly odorous substances.	Grower	<ul> <li>Sanitation/cleaning of sheds use high pressure low volume sprays to avoid generation of free flowing water or excessive odour or mists</li> <li>The 48-hour minimum period is required for substances with a history of offsite odours or high potential for health impacts. (Examples could include cresylic acid, formaldehyde or organophosphate pesticides)</li> <li>Early placement of dry litter and reclosure of doors within the 48 hour period is permissible practice</li> </ul>
2.8.10 Controls ensure there is no chemical spray drift into sensitive areas, such as watercourses, residential housing or nearby horticultural enterprises using integrated pest management programs.	Grower	<ul> <li>Controls can include spraying outside areas only on days with favourable wind conditions, selection of spray method, use of courser spray nozzles to increase droplet size and precision, etc.</li> <li>Guidance is available in pamphlets including Reducing Spray Drift (Agriculture Victoria) and Protecting Waterways from Frontecting Waterways from Pesticides (DNRE Victoria)</li> </ul>
2.8.11 Changes that would improve farm performance against EMP 2.8 objectives above are identified and included in the future development plan for the farm.	Grower	as set out in the Planning and Environmer Act 1987. The information must not be used for any other purpose.  By taking a copy of this document, you acknowledge and agree that you will only use the document for the purpose specified above and that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this document is strictly prohibited.
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#### 1.9 **BIRD MANAGEMENT**

EMP Objective: To provide a safe and healthy environment for birds that is appropriate for their physical and behavioural needs and for control of odour.

	Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.9.1	Sheds, equipment, management systems and farm practices comply with the <i>Code of Accepted Farming Practice for Welfare of Poultry (Rev 1)</i> .	Grower	<ul> <li>Comparisons and inspections demonstrate compliance.</li> <li>Heating and cooling systems will control sheds to the temperatures appropriate to bird age and as outlined in the welfare code listed opposite.</li> </ul>
2.9.2	Effective biosecurity and general shed management complies with the requirements of the Processor, the National Biosecurity Manual and DNRE guidelines to minimise the risk of disease introduction to the farm	Grower	<ul> <li>Comparisons demonstrate compliance</li> <li>Facilities and procedures are also in place to allow officers from the responsible authorities to inspect the farm without compromising biosecurity</li> </ul>
2.9.3	Monitoring and adjustment are provided at least daily and more often (3 to 4 times daily) in hot weather to feeder availability and height, water availability and drinker height, ventilation rates, air speed, temperature and light intensity	Grower	• Frequencies are as per guidance in welfare code listed in 2.9.1  made available for the planning process as set out in the Planning and Environme Act 1987. The information must not be used for an other purpose.
2.9.4	Fogger/cooling system performance is observed, adjusted and maintained to provide the operating pressures and spray patterns specified by Processors or equipment suppliers	Grower	By taking a copy of this document, you acknowledge and agree that you will only use the document for the purpose specified above and that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this document is strictly prohibited.
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	Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.9.5	Any maldigestion of feed or observable increase in shed odour or moisture content of droppings is to be reviewed, bird removal, adjustment of feed formulation or treatment for poor health.	Grower	An observable and recorded increase in droppings moisture for a three day period would typically confirm the need for a review and action
2.9.6	Bird density does not exceed those specified in the Code of <i>Accepted Farming Practice for Welfare of Poultry (Rev #1).</i>	Processor	The standard currently required is 40kg/m²     maximum and is reviewed and updated from time to time.
2.9.7	Growers record daily bird mortality and report any abnormal losses or trends to their Processor for review and action.	Grower	<ul> <li>Bird mortalities at double the norm for that week of the batch or unusual flock appearance would typically trigger a review and action.</li> <li>Refer to industry's Chicken Care Performance Indicators Log</li> </ul>
2.9.8	The collection of dead birds from within the sheds occurs on a daily basis, or more frequently should conditions so require.	Grower	This document has been copied and made available for the planning process as set out in the Planning and Environment Act 1987.  The information must not be used for any other purpose.

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2.9.9 Disposal of dead birds is in accordance with the planning permit. It utilises a freezer, composter or other approved method and occurs on a daily basis.	Grower	<ul> <li>Dead birds will be placed in plastic buckets/bags/bins and stored in a freezer daily. They will be regularly collected and transported to a rendering plant or licenced land-fill or disposed of by an equivalent method as outlined in the industry's Chicken Care Guidance Note and approved by the responsible authority.</li> <li>On-farm composting of dead birds complies with EPA Environmental Guidelines for Composting (Publication No. 508)</li> </ul>
2.9.10 Freezers or approved alternative disposal methods are maintained in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and provided with on-farm standby power.	Grower	
2.9.11 Changes that would improve farm performance against EMP 2.9 objectives above are identified and included in the future development plan for the farm.	Grower	This document has been copied and made available for the planning process as set out in the Planning and Environmen Act 1987.  The information must not be used for any

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#### 1.10 OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS

<u>EMP O</u>bjective: To ensure that those involved in broiler farming are environmentally aware, are trained and implement environmental and fire risk prevention and control practices.

Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.10.1 Broiler farm personnel participate in briefings and other activities arranged by the industry and other bodies to increase and share knowledge of best practice production and environmental management methods.	Grower	Examples could include attendance or talks at Processor, Grower Branch, Chicken Care, EPA/NRE/TAFE meetings or workshops
2.10.2 The skills needed to carry out all farm activities safely, efficiently and environmentally soundly are defined. Suitable training is identified, planned, attended, recorded and reviewed.	Grower	The skills needed and examples of known providers are listed in industry information (such as for example the Chicken Care Broiler Farming Skills Guidance Note)
2.10.3 Environmental Risk Assessments and Contingency Plans demonstrate that farm procedures and practices are proactive and cautious in their approach to foreseeable environmental risk events.	Grower	This document has been copied and made available for the planning process as set out in the Planning and Environmen
2.10.4 A Waste Minimisation Plan for all significant farm wastes is defined and being implemented.	Grower	The plan covering wastes (in cluding split off-spec feed, packaging, dead birds, chemical containers, etc) and by- products (including split off-spec of the purpose feed) are products (including split of the purpose to reduce such materials  Act 1987.  The information must not be used for any other purpose, chemical containers, etc) and by- products (including split of the purpose specified above and that any dissemination, distribution or copying of
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Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.10.5 Clear requirements for fire prevention are documented and communicated to all people on the farm. These may include restrictions on smoking, welding, comfort heating, vegetation burnoff or other activities involving sources of ignition.	Grower	
2.10.6 Appropriate facilities to prevent, detect and control fires are provided and maintained.	Grower	<ul> <li>Contact with local CFA officers and use of CFA guidelines is advised</li> <li>Equipment includes fire extinguishers mounted in control rooms and reliable access to mains water or to fire water stored in dams</li> </ul>
2.10.7 Changes that would improve farm performance against EMP 2.10 objectives above are identified and included in future development plans for the farm.	Grower	

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#### 1.11 CONTINGENCY PLANS

<u>EMP O</u>bjective: To complement the planning and prevention of environmental impacts in earlier sections of the EMP, well thought out contingency plans and triggers for all foreseeable events are also provided.

Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.11.1 Contingency plans for all foreseeable odour and other environmental events and the trigger conditions for their implementation are defined and available on the farm.	Grower	<ul> <li>Contingency actions and triggers include those routine measures detailed in industry information (such as for example the Chicken Care Contingency Plans Guidance Note), chemical supplier MSDS and CFA Guidelines.</li> <li>In cases where persistent or serious odour or dust problems are occurring, possible actions for consideration include increased litter depth, reduction in bird density, increased ventilation to dry litter, changed feed, earlier or emergency bird removal, staggered shed wake-up times, dietary or odour control additives, air/dust system redesign, dispersion stacks and others.</li> <li>Operational changes for persistent problems should be made within acceptable timeframes. Plans for changes to operational prad fixed Grupout has been copied and made available for the planning process specially in the Planning and Environment Act 1987.</li> <li>The information must not be used for any</li> </ul>
2.11.2 Arrangements for more frequent than usual dispatch of dead birds and for alternative means of collection/disposal in the case of an emergency are available.	Grower	other purpose.  • Details of such preplanned extended a copy of this document, you acknowledge and agree that you will only use the document for the purpose specified above and that any
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Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
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Both	Requirements are covered in Farm Chemical Users     Training courses regularly run by TAFE colleges and     by chemical and oil industry groups
Both	Examples and details for these plans are available in guidelines published by CFA, Emergency Management Australia and chemical and oil industry aroups
Both	Evidence of familiarity with a documented transport     This document has been copied and emergency plan is part of the fights port to made available for the planning process contracts      as set out in the Planning and Environme
Both	Some control actions are Ainclusted in industry information such as for example in the contingency Plans Guidance Notes which will be regularly updated  Grower branch meetings experience sharing to assistive the regularity and the continuous experience sharing to assistive the regularity and the continuous experience of the continuous experience and implement changes and implement is strictly prohibited.
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Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.11.8 Changes that would improve farm performance against EMP 2.11 objectives above are identified and included in the future development plan for the farm.	Both	

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#### 1.12 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

<u>EMP O</u>bjective: To provide processes for consultation with farm neighbours and the local Council so that their concerns and expectations are understood and met.

Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.12.1 All involved company and farm staff members demonstrate commitment to openness and two- way dialogue with all interested parties.	Both	Establish and use Performance Indicator Log entries on Neighbour Contacts and Complaints.
2.12.2 Ways are sought to brief the community on the risks, controls and benefits of the meat chicken industry.	Both	Refer Performance Indicator Log entries on Neighbour Contacts and Complaints. Refer to lists of activities done by Grower and by Industry

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Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.12.4 All complaints received are viewed as opportunities for improvement and addressed in a positive and cooperative manner.	Both	A written copy of complaint details using forms in the VCBF or similar will be provided by Council or other responsible authority to Growers promptly (typically within one day) to allow remedial action to be undertaken
2.12.5 A log of complaints received including their type, complainant details and actions taken is maintained. The log is periodically reviewed to identify and remedy recurring causes where possible.	Growe r	Refer to Performance Indicator Log entries on Neighbour Contacts and Complaints which provides for Formal Complaints, Formal/Validated Complaints and Observations from neighbours
2.12.6 Liaison with the local Council takes place over complaints received and on upset conditions that occur with potential to impact nearby residents.	Growe r	Refer to farm logbooks (or for example the Chicken Care Performance Indicator Log and list of events)
2.12.7 Complaints resolution using the local Council and industry processes and the Supplementary Audits as outlined in the Code are followed where required.	Both	<ul> <li>Refer to Victorian Code for Broiler Farms (Appendix 5) and to industry guidance documents</li> <li>Maintaining good neighbout relationships in advance may allow issues to be expensed by the planning process formal compliant is required as set out in the Planning and Environment Act 1987.</li> </ul>
2.12.8 The results of complaints, corrective actions, complaint resolution activities and audits are available to local Council and to neighbours.	Growe r	The information must not be used for any other purpose.  By taking a copy of this document, you acknowledge and agree that you will only use the document for the purpose
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Generic Management Measures	Prime Resp.	Performance Measure, Trigger Level or Contingency Actions/Timing
2.12.9 Records of the properties, procurement and use of chemicals are maintained.	Growe r	
2.12.10 Changes that would improve farm performance against EMP 2.12 objectives above are identified and included in the future development plan for the farm.	Both	

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#### 2. IMPLEMENTING THE EMP

#### **2.1**Regular Monitoring and Contingency Plan Triggers

The site EMP requires contingency plans for excessive odour, noise or dust generation, for chemical, fuel, feed or litter spills, for bird illness and for other environmental events

The Grower will define and monitor indicators of such key events relevant to their farm and pre-define the specific trigger level beyond which the Event Contingency Plan will be implemented. The indicators and triggers in the site

#### 2.2 Incident Investigation

The Grower and his/her Processor will carry out a post-incident review of the causes of any significant incident and of the effectiveness of actions taken under the documented contingency plan. Corrections to root causes of the problem will be undertaken by both Grower and Processor when identified.

#### 2.3 EMP Approval

The EMP for a new or expanding farm will be approved to the satisfaction of the local Council as part of the Planning Permit.

#### **EMP AUDITING AND REPORTING** 3.

#### Annual Farm Assessment against EMP and Planning Permit

The grower will maintain a manual and be aware of the Planning Permit, the site EMP and regulatory obligations relating to his/her farm operation.

An annual assessment of the complianae with the site EMP and the Planning Permit and of the adequacy of the actions taken to make process farm improvement objectives and targetsswell but jurnique Ptarkeing fand Environment required.

This assessment will use an audit document confaining all the elements of the generic EMP and be constituted incommentation you evaluate or confirm to the responsible a affinity of the purpose only use the document for the purpose requirements are met.

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#### 3.2Complaints Handling

As outlined complaints will be addressed as legitimate community concerns and opportunities for improvement. It is important therefore that all complaints wherever received are passed on to the Grower and that the Grower is advised in writing of a validated complaint, so that causes and corrective actions can be identified and implemented.

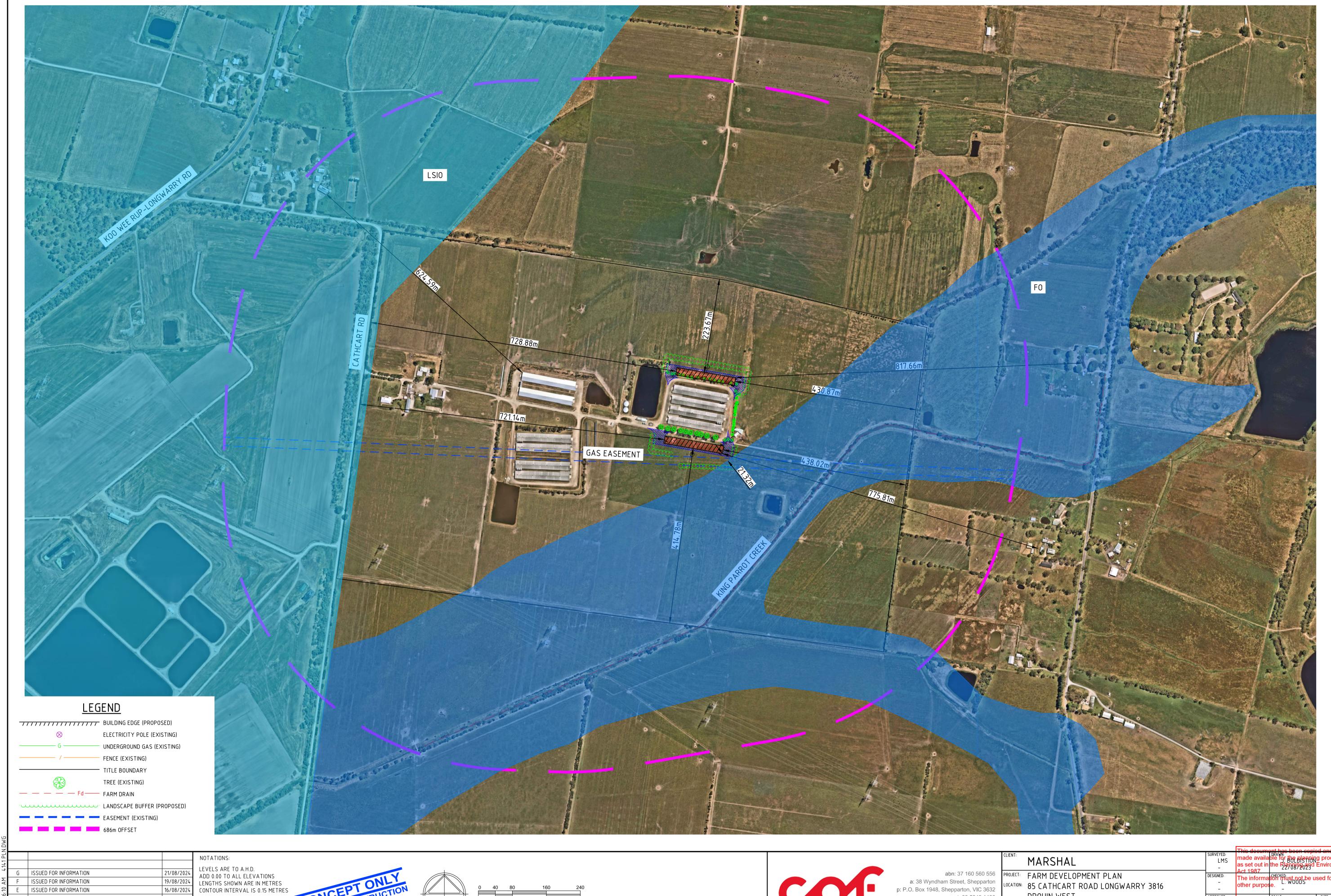
When received, the Grower will investigate the problem.

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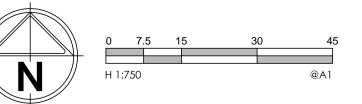
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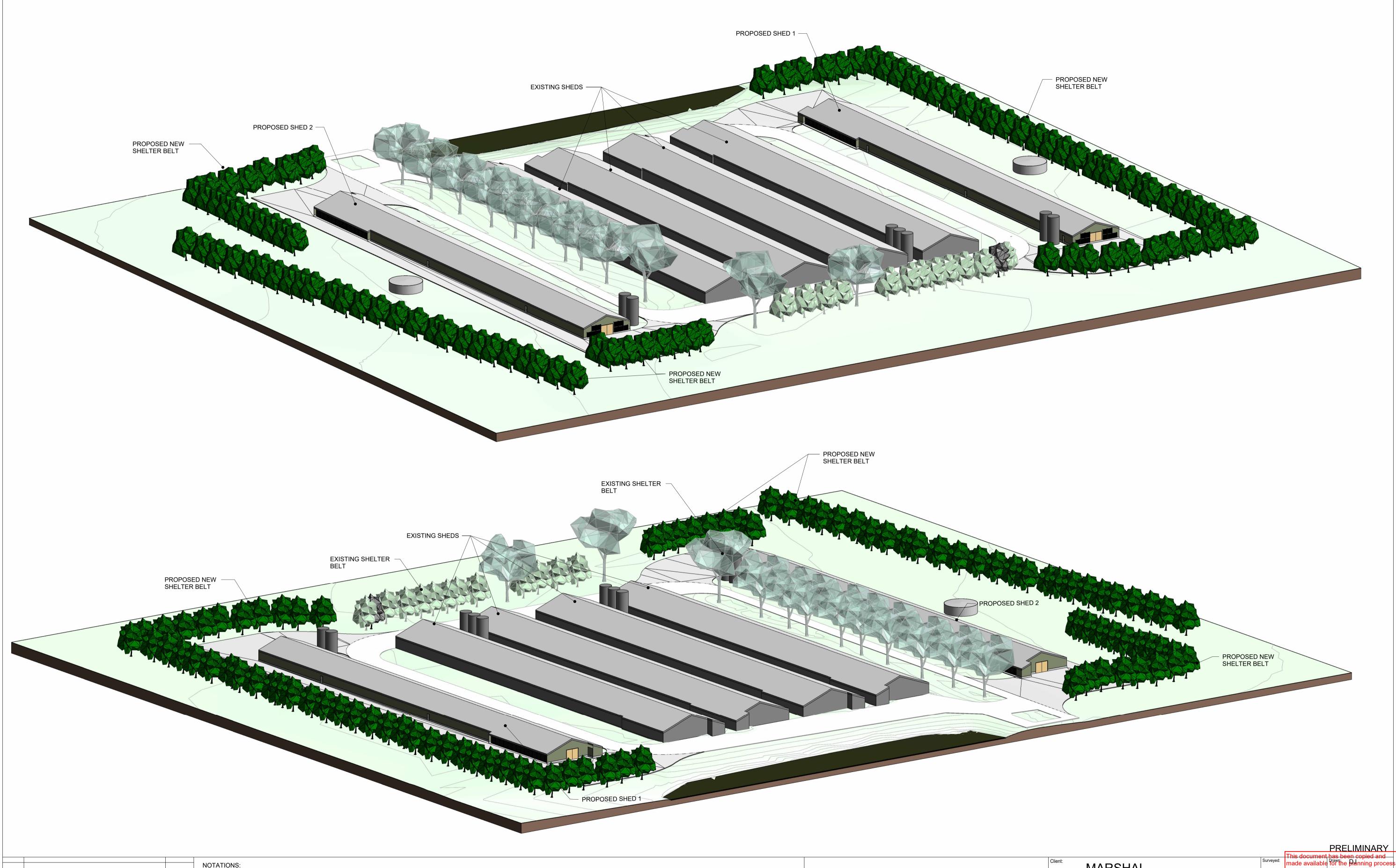


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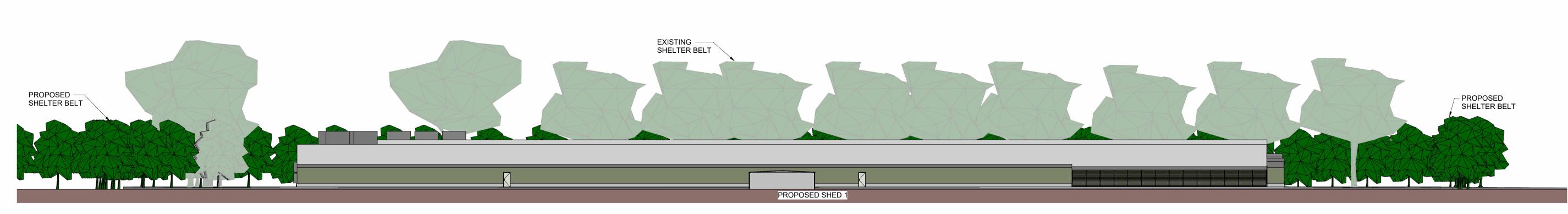
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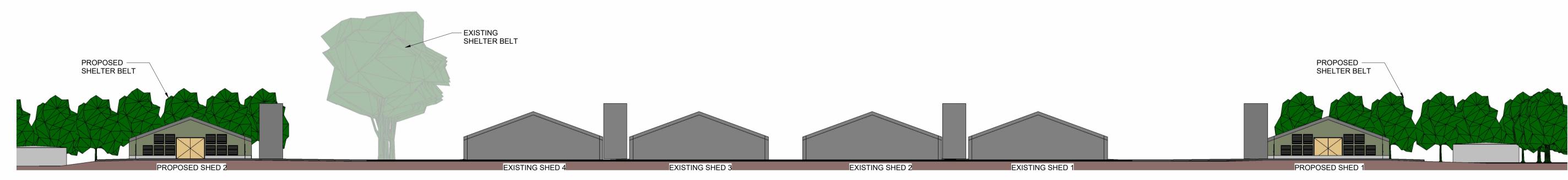
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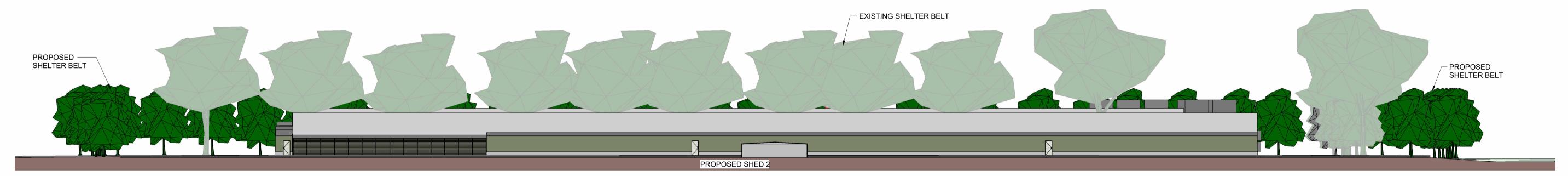
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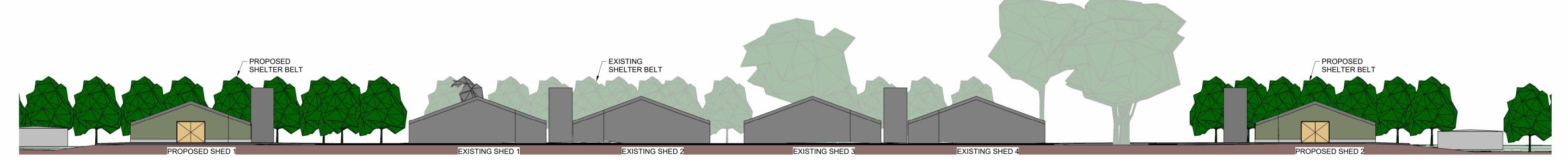
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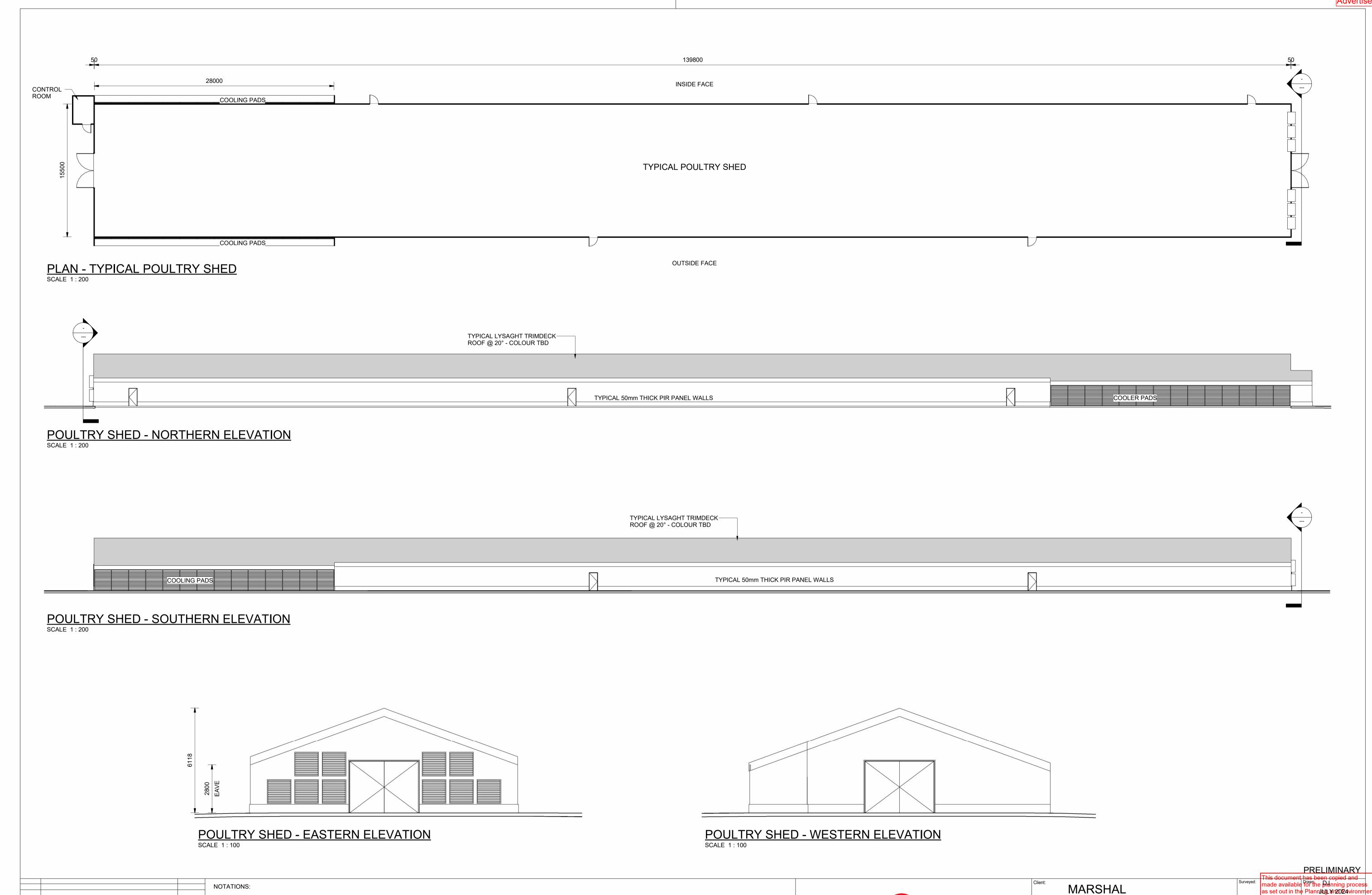
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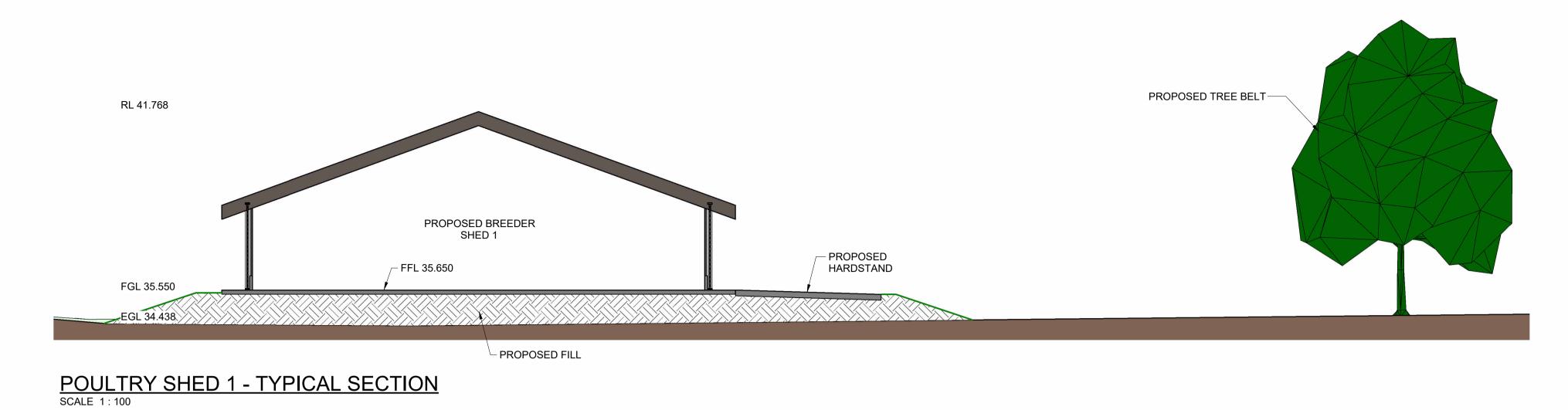
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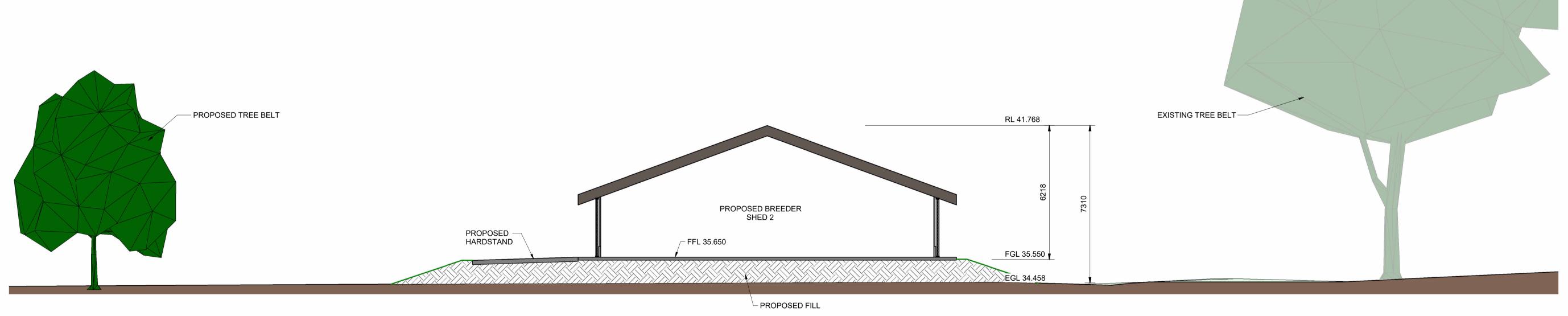
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TREES						
Euc lar	Eucalyptus largiflorens	Black Box	12 x 5	As Shown	300mm pots min	29
Euc mel	Eucalyptus melliodora	Yellow Box	30 x 25	As Shown		29
Euc mic	Eucalyptus microcarpa	Grey Box	25 x 15	As Shown		29
Gel par	Geijera parviflora	Wilga	9 x 7	As Shown		44
			-		Subtotal	131
Shrubs				2 per m²		
Aca pyc	Acacia pycnantha	Golden Wattle	10 x 6	0.05	Tubestock	154
Pit ang	Pittosporum angustifolium	Weeping Pittosporum	8 x 4	0.05	Tubestock	154
Cal cin	Callistemon citrinus	Bottlebrush	4 x 2	0.05	Tubestock	154
Underst	orey & Groundcover Species					
Cal cit	Calocephalus citreus	Lemon Beauty-heads	0.3 x 1	0.3	Tubestock	922
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ENSURE ALL LANDSCAPED AREAS ARE FREE DRAINING,

WITHOUT DEPRESSIONS OR LOCALISED AREAS OF POOLING

MAINTENANCE WORKS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: WATERING / IRRIGATING, FERTILISING, AERATING, WEEDING, PEST AND DIEEASE CONTROL, STAKING, MOWING, EDGING, PRUNING, PLANT REPLACEMENT & GRASS REINSTATEMENT, LITTER REMOVAL AND KEEPING SITE NEAT & TIDY.

ALL MAINTENANCE UNDERTAKEN IS TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RELEVANT OH&S REGULATIONS AND WITH REGARD FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL SITE USERS.

#### TREES, GARDEN BEDS AND SWALES

- TAKE CARE NOT TO DAMAGE PLANTS DURING PLATING
- DO NOT DAMAGE OR STAKE THROUGH THE ROOTBALL
- ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TREES DURING THE SPRING PERIOD FOR THE FIRST THREE (3) YEARS WILL BE CRITICAL TO ENSURE HEALTHY ROOT DEVELOPMENT 200Lt OF WATER PER TREE (AT EACH WATERING) TWICE (2) A WEEK DURING HOT PERIODS OR ONCE A WEEK DURING NORMAL TEMPERATURES. OVER THE SUMMER PERIODS IRRIGATE / WATER NEW TREES APPROXIMATELY ONCE EVERY TEN (10) DAYS TO SUSTAIN HEALTYY ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE FIRST THREE (3) YEARS, INCREASE FREQUENCY OF WATERING EXTREME HEAT AS NEEDED. ALL WATERING AND IRRIGATION IS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT WATER RESTRICTIONS.
- WATER / IRRIGATE LESS FREQUENTLY AFTER THE FIRST THREE(3) YEARS. ALL WATERING AND IRRGATION IS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT WATER RESTRICTIONS, TREES AND GARDEN BED AREAS ARE
- TO BE WATERED ONLY ENOUGH TO SUSTAIN CONTINUOUS HEALTHY GROWTH. REGULARLY INSPECT THE IRRRIGATION SYSTEM TO ENSURE IT IS OPERATING AND PROVIDING A HEALTHY
- UNDERTAKE FORMATIVE PRUNING OF TREES AS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN A CLEAR TRUNK WITH GOOD BRANCH
- REPLACE ANY DEAD, DAMAGED OR MISSING PLANTS WITH SPECIES FROM THE RELEVANT PLANT SCHEDULE.
- WEED ALL PLATED AREAS TO MAINTAIN WEED FREE AREAS. REFER WEED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. ALL MULCHED (ORGANIC OR GRAVEL) SURFACES ARE TO BE KEPT IN A CLEAN AND TIDY CONDITION. MULCH IS TO BE
- REINSTATED OR TOPPED UP AS NECESSARY. ADDRESS AND PLANT OVERHANG FROM GARDEN BEDS TO HARD SURFACES BY CAREFULLY TRIMMING PLANTS.
- REMOVE ANY LITTER THAT MAY COLLET IN REANGARDENS AND OTHER GARDEN BEDS.
- MAINTAIN GRASS AREAS FREE OF WEEDS.
- TAKE CARE TO CLEAR ANY LITTER OR DEBRIS FROM GRASS BEFORE MOWNING..
- CUT GRASS EVENLY ACROSS ALL SURFACES, CLIPPING SHOULD BE DISPERSED EVENLY LEAVING NO LARGE CLUMPS, CLEAR CLIPPINGS FROM ADJACENT SURFACES AFTER MOWNING.
- WATER / IRRIGATION OF GRASS AREA MAY BE REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH GRASS / LAWN AREAS. ALL WATERING AND IRRIGATION IS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT WATER RESTRICTIONS.
- NO MORE THAN ONE-THIRD (1/3) OF THE GRASS LENGTH SHOULD BE REMOVED IN ANY ONE MOWING.
- CHECK FOR WEEDS ON SITE AND REMOVE PROMPTLY, BEFORE THEY'RE ABLE TO SET SEED. CHECK ANY IMPORTED TOPSOIL / MULCH CAREFULLY TO MINIMISE RISK OF INTRODUCING WEED SPECIES TO THE SITE.
- FOLLOW GOOD VEHICLE HYGIENE PRACTICES TO MINIMISE RISK OF INTRODUCING WEED SPECIES TO THE SITE. USE THE FOLLOWING COURSE OF ACTION TO ERADICATE WEEDS:
- FIRST OPTION REMOVE BY HAND, HOE OR CULTIVATION. USE THIS METHOD WHEREVER POSSIBLE.
- SECOND OPTION REMOVE USING A NON-RESIDUAL HERBICIDE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURES DIRECTIONS. TAKE CARE NOT TO DAMAGE LOCAL FAUNA OR NON-TARGET SPECIES. THIRD OPTION - MANAGE USING OTHER CAREFULLY SELECTED CHEMICAL METHODS IN STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH
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- ALL WORKS SHALL BE UNDERTAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLIENT AND COUNCIL REQUIREMENTS, THE LANDSCAPE PLAN AND THE NATIONAL PLUMBING & DRAINAGE CODE (AS 3500 - 2003)
- ALL WORKS SHALL BE COMPLETED AND COMMISSIONED BY A LICENSED OR REGISTERED PLUMBER. A COMPLETED PLUMBING INDUSTRY COMMISSION COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE SHALL BE ISSUED, INCLUDING THE COMMISSIONING PROCEDURES, TO THE SITE SUPERINTENDENT UPON COMPLETION OF WORKS, AND PRIOR TO, THE SYSTEM BEING
- THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REPAIR AND REINSTATEMENT OF ANY AREAS DAMAGED DURING INSTALLATION OF THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM.
- THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCATING ALL SERVICES PRIOR TO UNDERTAKING ANY TRENCHING.
- NO TRENCHING SHALL OCCUR WITHIN DRIPLINE OF ANY TREE, IF SO IT SHALL BE BY BORING ONLY. NO TRENCH SHALL REMAIN OPEN UNLESS NEEDED, IF SO IT SHALL HAVE APPROPRIATE BARRICADING.
- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL ONLY TRENCH WHAT CAN BE INSTALLED AND BACKFILLED IN THE SAME DAY.
- IRRIGATION DESIGN AND INSTALLATION IS TO PROVIDE FULL COVER OF THE AREAS MARKED ON THE EXTENT OF IRRIGATION PLAN. MINIMUMS ANY RISK OF OVERSPRAY ONTO ADJACENT SURFACES AND PAVING. ENSURE ZONES CAN • THE IRRIGATION CONTRACTOR IS TO PROVIDE AN ACCURATE, 'AS CONSTRUCTED' DRAWING CONFIRMING FINAL
- LOCATION OF ALL IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE, COMPONENT SPECIFICATIONS AND OPERATION MANUAL.

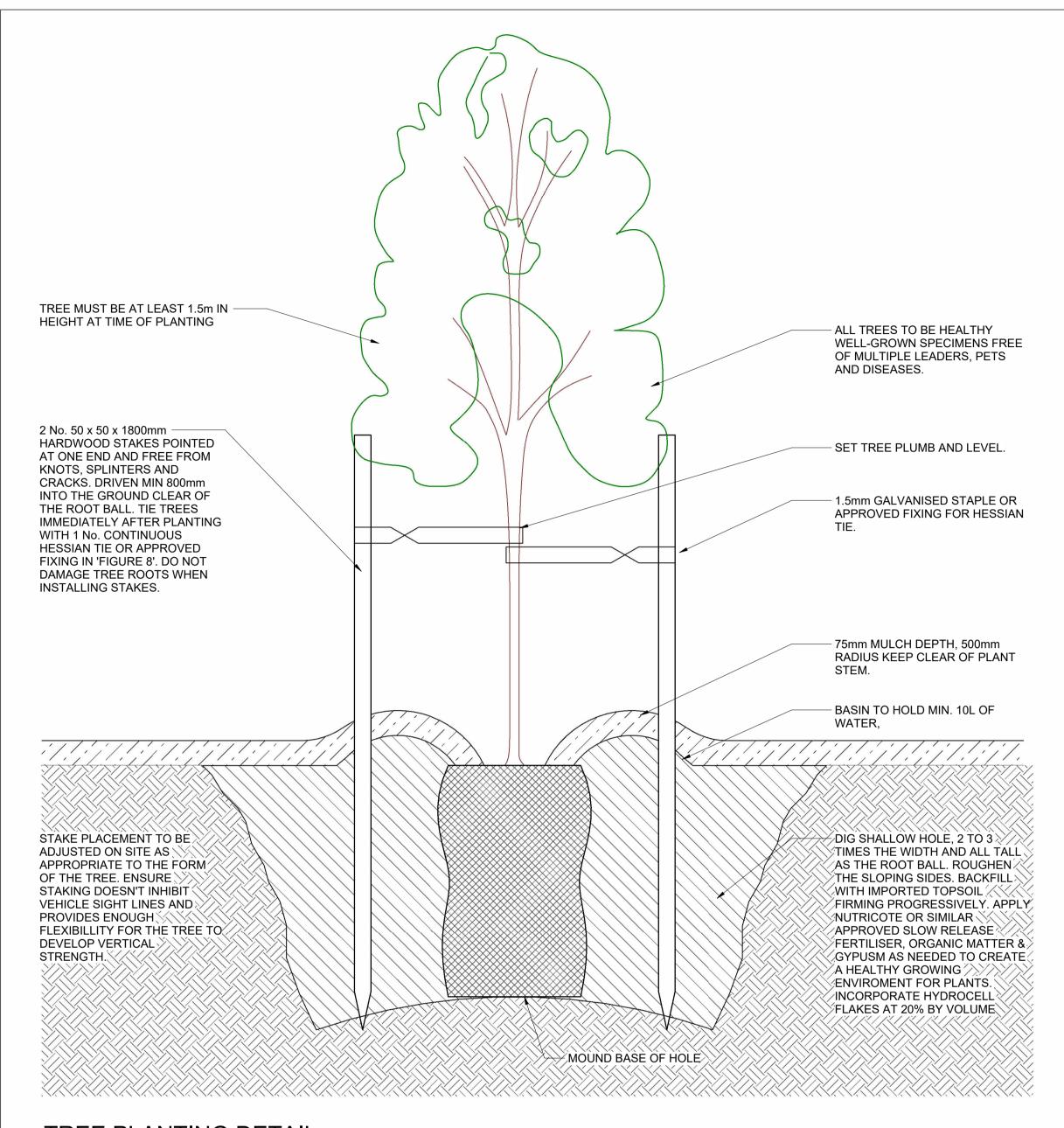
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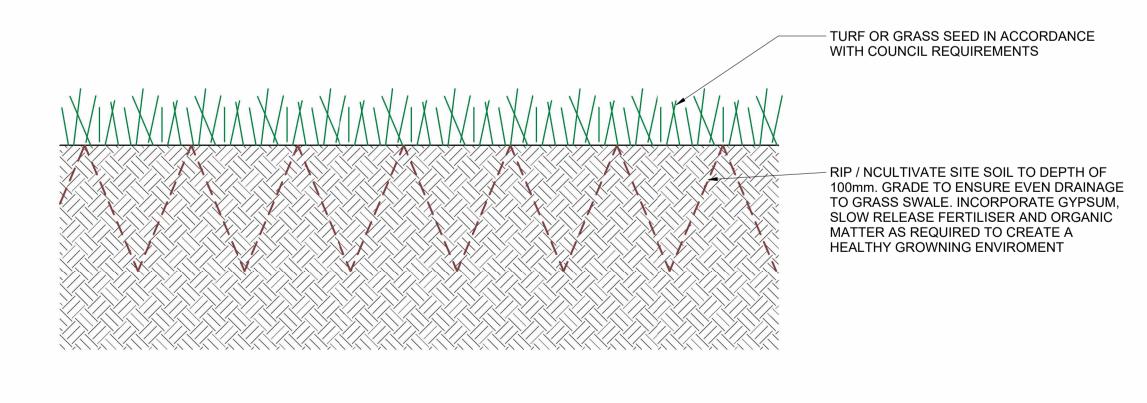
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## TREE PLANTING DETAIL SCALE 1:10



## NATURAL SCALE 1:10

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PROVIDE BASIN CAPABLE OF HOLDING 2L OF WATER

75mm DEEP MULCH AS SPECIFIED ON DRAWINGS. KEEP MULCH CLEAR OF PLANT STEMS.

- CULTIVATE SITE APPROVED TOPSOIL TO A DEPTH OF 200mm PRIOR TO

PLANTING. INCORPORATE SLOW

RELEASE FERTILIZER, GYPSUM & ORGANIC MATTER AS NEEDED TO CREATE A HEALTHY GROWING

- SUBSOIL CULTIVATED / RIPPED TO

150mm DEPTH.

ENVIRONMENT FOR PLANTS.

_ GRASS DETAIL	TUBE STOCK PLANTING DETAIL
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